

# Faithful Plough

♩ = 156

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of ♩ = 156. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some dotted rhythms. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Come all you jolly ploughmen of courage stout and bold  
That works out in the winter in storm and wind and cold  
To clothe the fields with plenty, the farmyard to renew  
And crown it with contentment: behold the faithful plough

‘Oh ploughman’ says the gard’ner, ‘don’t count your trade with ours  
Just walk into the garden and view the pretty flowers  
Also the curious borders and pleasant walks to view  
There’s no such peace or plenty belonging to the plough’

‘Oh gard’ner’, says the ploughman, ‘my calling don’t despise  
Each workman to his labour, all on his trade relies  
For Adam was a ploughman when ploughing first began  
And the next that was succeeding him was Cain his eldest son’

Behold the wealthy merchant, who trades in foreign seas  
He brings home gold and spices to them that sit at ease  
And yet the man that brings them will own to what is true  
He cannot plough the ocean without the faithful plough

I hope there’s none offended at me for saying this  
For nothing was intended for anything amiss  
Only as I have told you the thing that is quite true  
All trades that you can mention depends upon the plough.