

The Poor Little Fisherman's Boy

The musical score is written on four staves in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "It was down in the low - land a poor boy did wan - der It was down in the low - land a poor — boy did roam. By his friends he was ne - glect - ed, poor boy looked so de - ject - ed This poor lit - tle fish - er - man's boy so far a - way from home." The word "poor" is written with a long dash after it in the second line. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the fourth line.

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“Oh, where are my friends and where are my neighbors?
Have they all gone and left me to wander alone?
My father died on the billow, my mother on the pillow,”
Cried the poor little fisherman’s boy so far away from home.

A lady she heard him and opened her window,
A lady she did hear him and told him to come in.
The tears fell from her eyes as she listened to the cries
Of the poor little fisherman’s boy so far away from home.

She begged of her father to give him employment,
She begged of her father no more to let him roam.
“Dear daughter, do not grieve thee, the lad shall never leave me,
This poor little fisherman’s boy so far away from home.”

For seven long years he served his noble master,
It was seven long years and he to a man has grown,
And now he tells to strangers the hardships and the dangers
Of the poor little fisherman’s boy so far away from home.