

# A Shantyman's Life

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$\text{♩} = 140$

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 140. The lyrics are: 'A shant-ty lad, he leads a dread-ful, drear-y life, Though - some call if free from care, when he swings on his axe from morn-ing unt - til night in the mid-dle of the for - - est so drear.'

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1. A shanty lad, he leads a dreadful, dreary life,  
Though some call it free from care,  
When he swings on his axe from morning until night  
In the middle of the forest so drear.
2. Transported I am from my own native land  
Near the banks of the old Delever,  
Where the wolves and the owls, with their terrifying growls,  
Disturb our nightly dreams.