

Title:

Bedale, Yorkshire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Jim tells a joke about a balloon in an earth closet !

Lexis:

fetch = to bring; *midden* = muck heap, dunghill (here = open pit below earth closet); *frae* = from; *aye* = yes; *gan* = to go; *naught* = nothing; *nae* = no

Phonology:

definite article + C → [ʔt]; definite article + V → [t]

MOUTH [@u]; happy [ɪ]

<wa-> → [wa]

note also *balloon* [b@l^Uu:n], *with* [wɪ], *day* [dE@], *broke* [br/Qk], *old* [O:d], *well* [wi:l], *midden* [mɪdɪn], *underneath* [Und@nɪ@T], *great* [gr/Et], *look* [lɪk ~ lUk], *naught* [n@Ut], *does* [dɪz], *opened* [Qp=nd], *with* [wɪ], *first* [f@st] and *fart* [fa:t]

Grammar:

preterite *come* (*before they come into the country; he come to the country*)

third person plural *was* (*balloons ... was mostly flown about in the towns*)

zero definite article (_ *balloon went off; and _ balloon went into the midden*)

determiner, those → *them* (*in them days*)

there was + plural complement (*there was no such thing as water closets*)

preterite *gat* (*when he gat up, of course, he saw this thing*)

relative pronoun → *as* (*there was an old man, as hadn't been very well*)

use of *thou* (*thou's passed it?; how's thou know thou's passed it?; does thou think thou really did pass it?; how's thou know?*)

multiple negation (*he knew naught about nae balloons*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance initial discourse marker *why* [waɪ]