

The Aerial Flight

Tune . . . The birds upon the trees.

A little song I have composed about a new machine
Which is just now about to run upon Brackenhall Green,
A patent thus erected some think it is not right,
And all the present talk is of the Aerial Flight.

Chorus:

Some are fond of swing boats,
In them they like to ride,
While others in their coconuts,
They seem to take a pride,
You may talk about your switchback,
Or anything you like.
But give me a ride upon the Aerial Flight.

Some say, it is a monster, come let us pull it down!
But I say, let it stay! for it may make them many a crown,
And give the Baildon chaps a chance, who've worked from morn till night,
And spent their hard earned money on the Aerial Flight.

Chorus: Some are fond of etc.

They argue that it's dangerous, and if they do not want,
From the Lord of the Manor, the company have a grant,
So the Bradford Corporation might just as well be quiet,
And let us proceed calmly with our Aerial Flight.

Chorus.

For many years as you all know the common has been found,
On every Easter holiday, to be a pleasure ground.
And as it belongs to Baildon why not claim the common right,
And have another pleasure in the Aerial Flight.

Chorus.

When once the wire ropes are fixed it plainly can be seen,
The flight will form an ornament unto Brackenhall Green,
Then should the Corporation be determined to show fight,
We will maintain by might and main our Aerial Flight.

Chorus.

We have had various pleasures in years that's gone before,
It seems the hand of Providence has added us one more,
And as people come from different parts to view the splendid sight,
They might just want a ride upon our Aerial Flight.

Chorus.

So now this little ditty I must bring to a close,
I hope there is no offence in what I have composed,
And as I'm going to leave you before I say goodnight,
Pray let us give a hearty cheer for the Aerial Flight.

Chorus.

Composed by Mr. A. Brook.

This song referred to the Ariel Flight, built as part of the fairground on Bracken Hall Green. This was not built by Sam Wilson as has been claimed.