

# The Early Sheds

Original words Jim Grahame (Jim Gordon), a life-long friend of Henry Lawson. The tune was written by musical duo Tony & Helen Romeo, both long term members of the Bush Music Club and performers with Southern Cross Bush Band.

**Verse**

**C** **F** **C** **G**

The grass is green, the wool is clean, the weath-er clear and dry

**C** **F** **G**

And shear - ers line the riv - er roads from Bourke to Gun - da - - gai;

**C** **F** **C** **G**

While close be - hind are rouse - a - bouts, bush cooks and sta - tion hands.

**C** **F** **C** **G** **C**

For soon the ear - ly sheds will start and some have fif - ty stands.

**Chorus**

**C** **F** **C** **G**

The grass is green, the wool is clean, the weath-er clear and dry

**C** **F** **G** **C**

And shear - ers line the riv - er roads from Bourke to Gun - da - - gai.

Beside the billabongs and the creeks as in and out they wind  
Are stringing flocks of bleating sheep with men and dogs behind;  
While at the outposts of the run where dancing whirlwinds spin  
Are shepherds riding far and wide to bring the stragglers in.

The engine has a trial run, the grinder tests his gear  
And clears away his oily rags where they have lain a year.  
The old shed trembles on its joists and creaks from roof to floor  
Where startled swallows leave their nests and vanish through the door.

Beyond the sheds are swagmen's camps with here and there a tent.  
The nomad dwellers of the bush who pay no rate or rent.  
Young rousies sit and poke the fire with mouths agape in awe  
The bush providing education they've not had before.