

# Songs

## A Goulburn Shearer's Song

Credited to 'Argyle' From The Goulburn Herald & Chronicle Saturday 1871,  
Set here to the recommended tune Cheer Boys Cheer.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by guitar chords indicated by letters above the staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**D**  
Shear, boys! shear! \_\_\_\_\_ no more of id - le yarn - - ing - -

**G**  
La - - bor a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ will bear us on our way;

**D**  
Hun - - dreds more \_\_\_\_\_ shall fol - low in the track

**D A7 D D A7 D**  
So, now is the time, boys; to shear, shear a - way.

Now is our time, boys, the heavy fleece is growing,  
There's work, good and steady, for many a summer's day;  
Hundreds shall follow in the track we're going  
Now is the time, boys; shear, shear away.

Shear, boys, shear! the pay is good and ready;  
Shear, boys, shear! with strong and willing hand;  
Shear, boys, shear! let's at it hard and steady,  
Shear, boys, shear! in this new and happy land.

Shear, boys, shear! how many a mile we've wander'd,  
Looking for work, and looking it in vain;  
Think, boys, think, how many a pound we've squander'd,  
Then work with a will, boys, nor be such fools again.

Many a spree we've had, spent many a hard-earned shilling;  
Then fasting and weary we've tramped the lonely way--  
Then work, boys, work! with ready hand and willing,  
And we'll save our cheques, boys, 'gainst a rainy day.

Shear, boys, shear! let's at it hard and steady;  
Shear, boys, shear! stout heart and willing hand;  
Shear, boys, shear! the pay is good and ready;  
And cheer, boys, cheer! for this new and happy land.