

# Songs

## A Shearer's Lament

Words by Matt O'Connor from the 'Border Fence'. The setting is based on Harry Cotter's Schottische.

Verse

The musical notation for the verse consists of four staves. The first staff is the vocal line, and the second is the bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "We just finished shear-ing sheep out west of the Par-oo, And now it's rained five inch-es and we don't know what to do. A week a-go the sand was loose and dust blew ev-'ry day. But now the mud is three feet deep and we can't get a-way." The chords are: G, Am, G, C, G, Em, Am, D7, G, Em, D7, G.

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And now it's rained five inch - es and we don't know what to do.  
A week a - go the sand was loose and dust blew ev - 'ry day.  
But now the mud is three feet deep and we can't get a - way.

Chorus

The musical notation for the chorus consists of two staves. The first staff is the vocal line, and the second is the bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "I think I'll give this job a-way, I'm sick of be-ing greas-y, I heard a-bout a fenc-ing job they tell me is dead eas-y." The chords are: G, Em, G, Em, G, Em, D7, G.

I think I'll give this job a - way, I'm sick of be - ing greas - y,  
I heard a - bout a fenc - ing job they tell me is dead eas - - y.

I've just been talking to the boss, you all know Hector Cope,  
He says the Bullo's two miles wide and to cross it there's no hope.  
You hear a lot of people swear about the dough we make.  
But they forget the price of beer and all the combs we break.

Why I took this job on I cannot understand,  
If the bloody sheep ain't waterlogged the cows are full of sand.  
A man is doubled up all day, half blinded in his sweat,  
Then cooped up once it gets dark inside a mozzy net.

It may have been a good job once, those old hands had their breaks,  
They pushed a bike from shed to shed and lived on Johnny cakes.  
They had more time to do the job, they worked nine hours a day,  
And after paying for their grub, one pound a hundred pay.