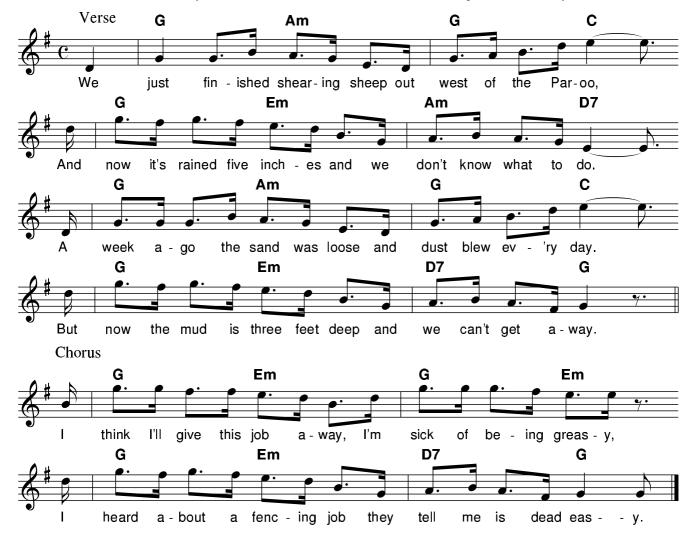
A Shearer's Lament

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



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.