

The Derby Ram (The Salisbury Ram)

1. As I was goin' to Salis - bury was on a mark - et day _____ I

Chorus

Met the fin - - est ram, sir, that ev - er was fed up - on hay. Oh you

Lie, oh you lie, right fol - the - lal too - ra - lal day _____

2. The ram was fed behind, sir, and the ram was fed before
The ram was fed behind, sir, it will never be fed no more.
3. The man that killed the ram, sir, was covered in with blood
Five and twenty butcher boys got washed away in the flood.
4. The ears the old ram had, sir, they fairly touched the moon
A man went up in January and he never come down 'til June.
5. All the old women in Derby was cravin' for his bones
To grind 'em up in powders to grease their old rump bones.
6. All of the boys in Derby was cravin' for his eyes
To kick 'em about for footballs 'cos they were just the size.

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