

Shepherds Are The Best Of Men

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Shepherds Are The Best Of Men'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics describe shepherds as the best of men, who have trod England's ground and call at every ale-house. They spend a jovial crown, call for liquors merrily, and pay before they go. There's no ale in the fields where the cold stormy winds do blow.

Shep-herds are the best of men That ev-er trod Eng-land's ground They
call at eve-ry ale - - house And spend a jov-i-al crown. They
call for liqu-ours mer-ri-ly and pay be-fore they go There's no
ale in the fields where the cold storm-y winds does blow.

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