

Sheep-Shearing Day

1. Come, brave boys, and let us be jol - ly, Drive a - way all mel - an - cho - ly,
For this night mer-ry be we may, Be - - cause it is our sheep-shear-ing day.

Chorus

Why should we dis - a - gree, Al - ways keep good com - pa - ny,
For this night mer-ry be we may, Be - cause it is our sheep-shear-ing day.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line includes the first verse, the second line the second verse, the third line the chorus, and the fourth line the final line of the chorus.

2. Old King Solomon, in all his glory,
Taught to we a pretty story,
Told us to sing praise and glory
If we'd wish to merry be.

3. Keep your hands from picking and stealing,
And your tongues from evil speaking;
In all those things take no delight, I say,
Because it is our holiday.

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