

Ballad of 1891 2.1

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Melody

1. The price of wool was fall - ing, in eight - een nine - ty one; The
 2. From Clare - mont to Bar - cal - dine, the shear - ers' camps were full, Ten

Alto

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Bass

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 2. From Clare - mont to Bar - cal - dine, the shear - ers' camps were full, Ten

M

5 men who owned the ac - res, saw some - thing must be done; "We'll
 5 thous - and blades were rea - dy to strip the greas - y wool, When

A

men who owned the ac - res, saw some - thing must be done; "We'll
 thous - and blades were rea - dy to strip the greas - y wool, When

B

men who owned the ac - res, saw some - thing must be done; "We'll
 thous - and blades were rea - dy to strip the greas - y wool, When

M

9 break the shear - ers un - ion, and show we're mas - ters still, And they'll
 9 through the west like thun - der, rang out the Un - ion's call, "The ____

A

break the shear - ers un - ion, and show we're mas - ters still, And they'll
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13 F Ddim C Am Dm7 E 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Am 2.

M
take the terms we give them or we'll find the men who will!"
sheds - 'll be shore Un - ion or they won't be shore at all!"

A
take the terms we give them or we'll find the men who will!"
sheds - 'll be shore Un - ion or they won't be shore at all!"

B
take the terms we give them or we'll find the men who will!"
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Words in bold, men only and/or unison

3. Oh, Billy Lane was with them, his words were like a flame!
The flag of blue above them, they spoke Eureka's name!
"Tomorrow," said the squatters, "you'll find it does not pay,
We're bringing up free labourers to get the clip away!"

4. **"Tomorrow," said the shearers, "they may not be so keen,
We can mount three thousand horsemen, to show them what we mean!"**
"Then we'll pack the west with troopers, from Bourke to Charters Towers,
You can have your fill of speeches but the final strength is ours."

5. **"Be damned to your six-shooters, your troopers and police,
The sheep are getting heavy, the burr is in the fleece,"**
"Then if Nordenfeldt and Gatling won't bring you to your knees,
We'll find a law," the squatters said, "that's made for times like these."

6. To trial at Rockhampton the fourteen men were brought,
The judge had got his orders, the squatters owned the court,
But for every one was sentenced, a thousand won't forget,
When they jail a man for striking, it's a rich man's country yet!