

Baritone

# Ballad of 1891 Version 3.4

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*Lyrics in bold italics sung by men, or in unison.*

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

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

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

take the terms we give them or we'll find the men who will!"

From

2. call, *"The sheds - 'll be shore Un-ion or they won't be shore at all!"* 3. Oh,  
 (Unison or men)

Bil - ly Lane was with them, his words were like a flame! The

flag of blue a - bove them, they spoke Eu-rek - a's name! "To -

mor - row," said the squat-ers, "you'll find it does not pay, We're

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 bring - ing up free la - bour-ers to get the clip aw - ay"! 4. "To -  
 5. "Be

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*mor - row," said the shear-ers, "they may not be so keen, We can  
 damned to your six - shoot-ers, your troop - ers and po - lice, The*  
 (Unison or men)

42  
*mount three thous-and horse-men, to show them what we mean!" "Then we'll  
 sheep are get - ting hea - vy, the burr is in the fleece," "Then if*

46  

 pack the west with troo-pers, from Bourke to Char - ters Towers, You can  
 Nor - den-feldt and Gat-ling, won't bring you to your knees, We'll\_\_

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 have your fill of spee-ches but the fi - nal strength is ours." 5. "Be 6. To  
 find a law," the squat-ters said, "that's made for times like these."

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 tri - al at Rock - hamp-ton the fou - rteen men were brought, The

59  

 judge had got his or - ders, the squat - ters owned the court, But for

63  

 ev - 'ry one was sent-enced, a thou - sand won't for - get, When they

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*rit.*  

 jail a man for stri - king, it's a rich man's coun - try yet!

\* (Last beat in bar 64: G in original score)