

The Springtime it Brings on the Shearing

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Oh the spring-time it brings on the shear- ing

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And it's then you will see them in droves

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to the west count- ry sta- tions all steer- ing

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A- seek- ing a job off the coves.

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CH With my ragged old swag on my shoulder
And a billy-quart pot in my hand
I tell you we'll astonish the new chums
To see how we travel the land

You may talk of your mighty exploring
Of Landsborough, McKinley and King
But I feel it should only be boring
On such frivolous subjects to sing.

For discovering mountains and rivers
There's one for a gallon I'd back
Who'll beat all your Stuarts to shivers
It's the man on the wallaby track

Oh, and after the shearings all over
And the wool season's all at an end
It is then that you'll see those flash shearers
Makin' johnny cakes round in the bend.