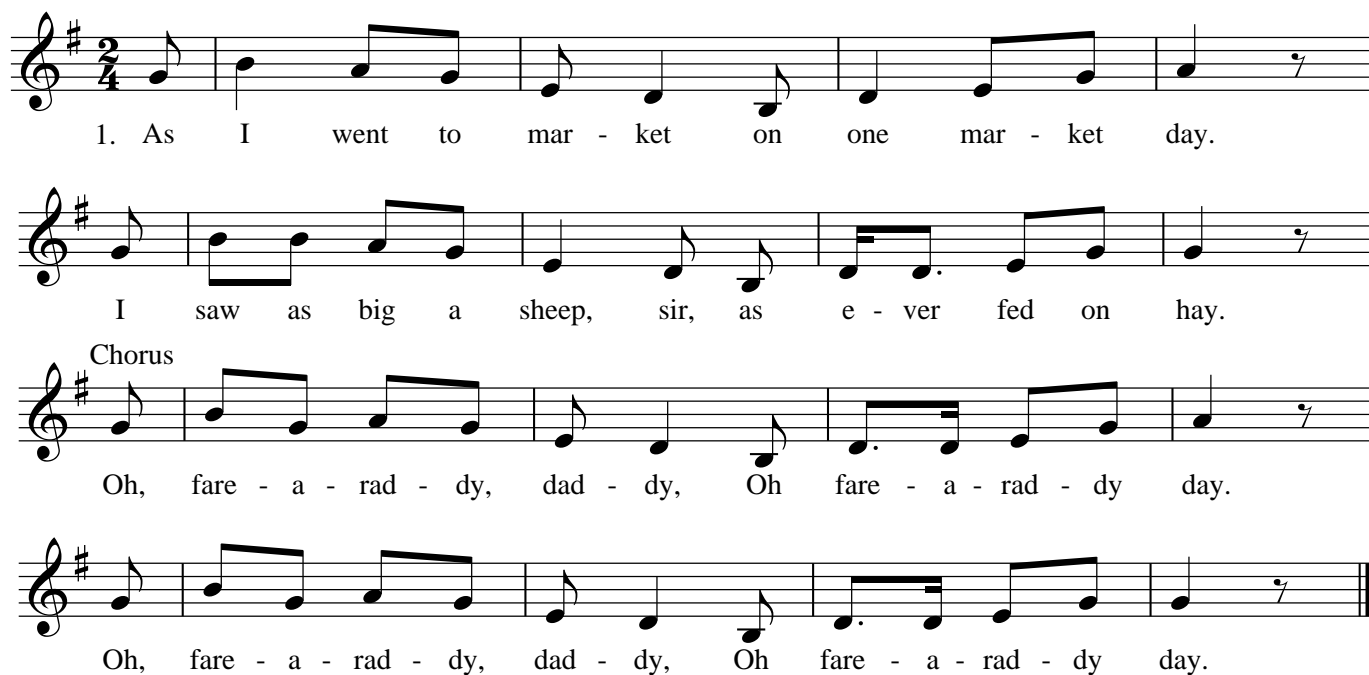


The Big Sheep

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1. As I went to mar - ket on one mar - ket day.

I saw as big a sheep, sir, as e - ver fed on hay.

Chorus

Oh, fare - a - rad - dy, dad - dy, Oh fare - a - rad - dy day.

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With banjo

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

2. Oh, he was so big, sir, he could neither walk nor stand,
And every foot he had, sir, it covered an acre of land.
(Chorus)
3. Oh, the wool of his belly, it dragged to the ground,
The devil cut a piece out to make his wife a gown.
(Chorus)
4. And the wool on his back, sir, it reached to the sky,
The eagles built their nest there, I heard the young ones cry.
(Chorus)
5. Oh, the first tooth he had sir, was bigger than a saddle horn,
The next one to it held forty barrels of corn.
(Chorus)
6. And the wool between his horns, sir, I think was mighty fine,
Wove 40 yards of cloth sir, about the size of twine.
(Chorus)