

The Shepherd and his dog

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'There once was a shepherd who lived on his own, / A - - way on the hills in a hut built of stone. / He guard - - ed his sheep and they kept to the trail / So the shep-herd whis-tled gai-ly and the dog wagged his tail'.

There once was a shep - - herd who lived on his own
A - - way on the hills in a hut built of stone.
He guard - - ed his sheep and they kept to the trail
So the shep-herd whis-tled gai-ly and the dog wagged his tail

There once was a shepherd who lived on his own,
Away on the hills in a hut built of stone.
He guarded his sheep, and they kept to the trail,
So the shepherd whistled gaily and the dog wagged his tail.

In spring-time watched how the lambs in their play
All kicked up their hooves then darted away.
The dog fetched them back if they strayed to the dale,
So the shepherd whistled gaily and the dog wagged his tail.

In winter he sheltered away from the cold
With his dog by the fire, while the flock in the fold
Lay safe from the blustering, buffeting gale,
So the shepherd whistled gaily while the dog wagged his tail.