

# Stonewall Jackson, Black Sheep

In a little country village not very far away  
There lived a rich but aged man whose hair was turning gray  
He had three sons three only ones both Jack and Tom were sly  
But Ted was honest as could be he would not tell a lie  
The brothers tried to ruin Ted before the old man's eyes  
At last the plot begin its work till Ted was much despised  
The father then said begone you're heartless to the core  
Then the black's sheep's words they came just a ringing thru the door  
Don't be angry with me dad don't drive me from your door  
I know that I've been wayward but I won't be anymore  
Just give me one more chance and put me to the test  
You'll find the black sheep loves his dad for better than the rest  
Year by year sped quickly by the father now grown old  
He called to them both Jack and Tom and gave them all his gold  
I only need a little room a place at your fireside  
One night on Jacks' returning home he brought with him a bride  
The three began to hate the father more and more each day  
At last he heard the three declare why the old fool's in our way  
They then agreed to send him to the poorhouse that was near  
Then like a flash the black sheep's words came ringing in his ear  
A wagon drives up to the door it is the poorhouse band  
The brothers pointed to their dad right there is your man  
Then a manly form appeared came rushin' through the crowd  
Stop this you brutes the lad replied it shall not be allowed  
You took the old man's property and all that he could save  
You've even sold the little lot containing mother's grave  
I am his son but not your kin from now till judgement day  
The father clasped the black sheep's hand and they all heard him say  
Don't be angry with me son I know I drove you from my door  
I know that I've been foolish lad I've repented o'er and o'er  
I should have given you my gold for you have stood the test  
I found the black sheep loves his dad for better than the rest