

# The Shearer's Story

Slim Dusty

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They reckon we're makin' a pile  
They think that we're making a fortune  
and leading an easy lifestyle  
They tell us that we're in the big time,  
Those big gun pen pushers from town  
Oh they reckon we're nothing but whingers old mate,  
They're experts at running us down

And they say that we're paid too much money,  
For shearing those cute little lambs  
With wool oh so clean white and fluffy,  
Get off him you brute of a man  
They say if we don't act more kindly,  
They'll give the RSPCA a call  
Well they've apparently never had a horn  
Through the ribs or kicked up the Niagara falls

If they only knew half of the story,  
The burrs and the lice and the flies  
The bog eye is burnin', your guts tight and churnin'  
And your blinded by the sweat in your eyes  
And you back feels like over twitched wire  
One more bend and you're sure it'll snap  
But you just keep on goin' while the overdrafts owin'  
And the bank managers' right on your back

You might ask me then why do I do it,  
This job I'm caught moanin' about  
Well as a young reckless fool I wouldn't stay at school  
Lobbed a job as a shed roustabout  
Then travellin' the outback I liked it,  
To be payin' my own way though life  
Now my young years have fled and I find myself wed  
Supporting a family and wife  
Yeah I reckon I'm hobbled for life

So I ask myself is it all worth it  
And I look down at my freckle face son  
And I know I'll keep shearing though exhaustion is  
nearing  
Through the heat and those long summer runs

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