

# The Shearin's No for You (The Summons)

Traditional Scottish

C G Am F A G

Oh the shear-in's no for you, my bon-nie lass - ie oh. Oh the.

Detailed description: This system contains the first six measures of the song. The treble clef staff has a 4/4 time signature. The bass clef staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, G, Am, F, A, G.

C G Am F G C

shear-in's no for you, my bon-nie lass - ie oh. Oh the

Detailed description: This system contains the next six measures. The musical notation and accompaniment continue. The lyrics are: "shear-in's no for you, my bon-nie lass - ie oh. Oh the". Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, G, Am, F, G, C.

Dm C Am C Am G

shearin's no for you, for yer back it win-- na boo, And yer

Detailed description: This system contains the next six measures. The lyrics are: "shearin's no for you, for yer back it win-- na boo, And yer". Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Dm, C, Am, C, Am, G.

C Bm Am F G C

bel - ly's row - an fit' my bon-nie lass - ie oh!

Detailed description: This system contains the final six measures of the song. The lyrics are: "bel - ly's row - an fit' my bon-nie lass - ie oh!". The piece ends with a double bar line. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, Bm, Am, F, G, C.

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*The harvest in the old Scottish agricultural system was one of the few events when men and women worked together out of doors. No doubt in the heat and long days of a Scottish summer, libidos would be high and there'd be many a tryst between young lovers. In this song, the young man is basically informing his wife that these happy days of youth are over now that she's married and pregnant. The Scots are such romantics! This is just one of many versions of this well known song, and its tune has been used for a wide variety of other songs before and since.*

Oh the shearin's no for you, my bonnie lassie oh  
Oh the shearin's no for you, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Oh the shearin's no for you, for yer back it winna boo,  
And yer belly's rowan fit' my bonnie lassie oh.

Dae ye mind the banks o' Ar, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Dae ye mind the banks o' Ar, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Dae ye mind the banks o' Ar, where my heart ye did ensnare,  
And yer love ye did declare, my bonnie lassie oh.

Tak the ribbons frae yer hair, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Tak the ribbons frae yer hair, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Tak the ribbons frae yer hair, and let doon yer ringlets fair,  
Ye've nocht noo but doul an' care, my bonnie lassie oh.

Tak the buckles frae yer shoon, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Tak the buckles frae yer shoon, my bonnie lassie oh,  
Tak the buckles frae yer shoon, for ye've wed an unco loon,  
And yer dancin days are done, my bonnie lassie oh

*winna boo: won't bend over; rowan fit: swelling full, i.e. pregnant; frae: from; nocht noo but doul an care: nothing now but hardship; shoon: shoes; an unco loon: 'a wild dude'.*