



# The Ballad of 1891

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The price of wool was fal - ling in eigh - teen nine - ty one. The  
From Cler - mont to Bar - cal - dine the shear - ers' camps were full, Ten  
O Bil - ly Lane was with them his words were like a flame; The  
"To - mor - row," said the shear - ers, "they may not be so keen, We can  
"Be damned to your six shoot - ers, your troop - ers and po - lice, The  
To tri - al at Rock - hamp - ton the four - teen men were brought; The

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men who owned the a - cres saw some thing must be done: "We'll break the shear ers'  
thous - and blades were read - y to strip the greas - y wool, When through the west like  
flag of blue a - bove them, they spoke Eu - re - ka's name. "To - mor - row," said the  
mount three thous - and horse men to show them what we mean." Then we'll pack the west with  
sheep are get - ting heav - y, the burr is in the fleece!" "Then if Nor - den - feldt and  
Judge had got his or - ders, the squat - ters owned the court, But for ev - ery one was

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un - ion and show we're mas - ters still, And they'll take the terms we  
thun - der rang out the un - ion's call, "The sheds - 'll be shore  
squat - ters, "you'll find it does not pay, We're bring - ing up free  
troop - ers from Bourke to Char - ters Towers, You can have your fill of  
Gat - ling won't bring you to your knees, We'll find a law," the  
sen - tenced, a thous - and won't for - get When they gaol a man for

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give them or we'll find the men who will!"  
un - ion or they won't be shorn at all!"  
la - bour - ers to get the clip a - way!"  
speech - es, but the fi - nal strength is ours!"  
squat - ters said, "that's made for times like these!"  
stri - king, it's a rich man's coun - try yet!

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