

OLE SANG, AS HE WATCHED HIS SHEEP

(Ole sad på en knold og sang)

Melody and piano arrangement: Alfred Tofft 1911

Choral setting: Henrik Colding-Jørgensen 2023

Lyrics: Jeppe Aakjær 1899 - English translation: S. D. Rodholm (1877-1951)

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OLE SANG, AS HE WATCHED HIS SHEEP LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!

BROWSE IN SUNSHINE OR LIE ASLEEP. TRA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA!

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| 2 Clouds adrift and the roving breeze La-la-la-
Sent his thoughts o'er the seven seas Tra-la-la- | 6 Now he felt he at last was free La-la-la-
Free to roam over land and sea. Tra-la-la- |
| 3 Precious memories, mother's eyes La-la-la-
Held him back with the strongest ties. Tra-la-la- | 7 O'er the ocean the shepherd fared La-la-la-
Numb and dumb stood the sheep and stared. Tra-la-la- |
| 4 Soon the yearning became too strong La-la-la-
Memories could not hold him long. Tra-la-la- | 8 Man to sheep is a mystery
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.
Yearning for what no sheep can see.
Tra-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la. |
| 5 Turning swiftly, away he ran La-la-la-
Saw the ocean, so vast, so grand! Tra-la-la- | |

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Can be performed Choir SATB a capella, melody and piano, or choir and piano.