

WHEN THE BLACK SHEEP RETURNS TO THE FOLD



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Valse Moderato.

f

rall.

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of chords and melodic lines, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Valse Moderato' and the dynamics range from *f* to *rall.*

When the rob-in re - turns to it's nest, _____ Af-ter stray-ing a - way from the rest, _____
 When the smile of a fool starts to fade, _____ When he finds out the er - rors he made, _____

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The first line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The piano part continues with a similar accompaniment style as the introduction.

— There's a wel-come that waits From it's feath-er - y mates, A wel-come that can't be ex - pressed. —
 — Then the old fashioned truth That he heard in his youth Says, "Go home," but he is a - fraid. —

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes some arpeggiated chords and sustained notes.

— So it is with the boy who de - ci - ded _____ From his fath-er and mother to roam. _____
 — As he stands on the threshold of sor - row, _____ With the doors of the world closed up tight, _____

The third line of the song concludes the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a final chord and a melodic flourish.

Through his travels he may be mis-guided, But when finally the black sheep comes home.
 He compares yester-day with to-mor-row And de-cides that he'll go home that night.

Chorus.

Ev-ery thing that he did is for-got-ten, And they wel-come him back to the fold,

He knows by their sad wrinkled fa-ces, That the pain of his ab-sence has told, Once a-

gain they all sit'round the ta-ble As they did in the days of old; And they'll weep tears of

joy, As they whisper "My Boy," When the black sheep returns to the fold. Ev-ery fold.