## Foster And Allen "The Black Sheep"

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In a little village, not many miles away-ay
There lived a rich and aged man whose hair was
turning grey

He had three sons, the only ones, but Jack and Tom were sly

Ted was honest as could be and would not tell a lie

They did their best to ruin Ted right in the old man's eyes

Soon their lies began to work and Ted was much despised

One night the old man said begone, you're heartless to the core

These were the words that the young lad said as he stood beside the door

Don't be angry with me dad, don't turn me from your door

I know that I've been wayward, but I won't be anymore Give me just another chance and put me to the test You'll find the black sheep loves his dad far better than the rest

Year after year passed slowly on and the rich man's now grown old

He called together Jack and Tom and gave them both his gold

Saying I'll only need a little room right at your fireside Then one night Jack, returning home, he brought with him a bride

His wife began to hate their father more-ore and more each day

One night he heard the three declare that he was in their way

They then agreed to send him to a work-house that was near

And like a flash the black sheep's words came ringing in his ears

Don't be angry with me dad, don't turn me from your

door

I know that I've been wayward, but I won't be anymore Give me just another chance and put me to the test You'll find the black sheep loves his dad far better than the rest

A carriage pulled up to the door, it was the work-house van

The lads then turned up to their dad and said here is your man

Just then a man before 'em appeared, and pushing through the crowd

Stand back you brutes, the stranger cried, this will not be allowed

You took this old man's property and all that he had saved

You even sold his little plot containing mother's grave I am his son but not your kin from this to judgement day

The old man clasped the black sheep's hand and the crowd all heard him say

Don't be angry with me lad, though I turned you from my door

I know that I was foolish, but I won't be anymore I should have given you my gold for you have stood the test

I found the black sheep loves his dad far better than the rest

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