

Foster And Allen

"The Old Threshing Mill"

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As I walked down the road on this fine autumn morn'
I can see the great combine collecting the corn
And my mind wanders back in a moment of joy
To the day of the thresher when I was a boy

All over the valley you could hear the strange sound
Of that mighty machine on its annual round
All the men in the town land would follow at will
And they'd all lend a hand with the old threshin' mill

So boil up the bacon and the cabbage that's green
Have plenty of spuds laced with butter between
For eight empty bellies will soon need a fill
For it makes a man hungry, the old threshing mill

There were two on the thresher and two on the stack
And the man with the fork kept the straw flyin' back
There were bottles of porter and plenty of fags
And old Larry Andy looked after the bags

Then a few of the boys built the straw in the reek
While the young ones were found playing hide-and-go-
seek
And myself and my brother with the dogs and the cats
Had the time of our lives chasing after the rats

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Have plenty of spuds laced with butter between
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For it makes a man hungry, the old threshin' mill

But the times keep on changing and nothing stands
still
Larry Emdy is gone like his old threshin' mill
And the most of the workers I knew as a child
Have reaped the great harvest for which they have
toiled

No more in the valley we'll hear that machine
For just like the corn crate they're gone from the scene
But it makes me feel sad as I dream of it still

For I long for the dear sound of the old threshin' mill

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