

A Close Shave

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Shaun, the short-sighted sheep shearer from Shipton
Loved Barb'ra from Scarborough, the shrimp selling maid,
As she sold shellfish, she tipped 'em and nipped 'em,
And slipped 'em on plates when the public had paid.
She had a mother who's nickname was Margie
Her real name was Margaret but she preferred Mo.
They would sell shrimps in the fish sellers marquee,
On annual trips to the Harrogate show.
He had proposed the last time Barbara met him,
The girl said she'd wait for a year to accept,
She'd brought her mum to the show ground to vet him,
Keeping a promise that had to be kept.
He'd lost his glasses as he travelled near 'em,
Arrived at the show in a terrible state,
He found his sheep and he started to shear 'em,
Working so fast 'cos he'd left it so late.
Mother stepped into the sheep-pen to greet him,
A new sheep-skin coat and a permanent wave,
Quick as a wink as she went up to meet him,
Shaun then upturned her and started to shave,
Shaun, the short-sighted sheep shearer from Shipton,
Had shaved Barb'ra's mother as short as his sheep,
Shaun made her look like the sheep when he'd clipped 'em,
And Margie fell into a horrible heap.
Barbara and Shaun now shear sheep in Australia,
(They) left on the fastest available jet,
Margie recovered from chronic heart-failure,
A Harrogate show she will never... ever forget!

Handwritten musical notation for guitar accompaniment. The notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The chords used are G, D7, F, B7, Em, A, and D. The lyrics are written below the staff, corresponding to the lyrics on the left page. The notation includes various rhythmic values and accidentals, such as slurs and ties. There are some handwritten notes and corrections in the margins, including "She had a mother who's nickname was Margie" and "She would sell shrimps in the fish sellers marquee".