

Why a sheep?

Younger colleagues used to sometimes ask me if I thought it was worth them applying for promotion. I eventually turned my usual advice into this song.

**Ma son, this world is fu o sheep,
Sae dinnae be a mug;
For whae wuid be a sheep
If he could be the collie dug?**

**A collie dug must come and go
At a whistle or a word.
Sae whae wuid bide a collie dug
If he could be the hird?**

**A shepherd's days are long an hard,
Ower long an hard for me;
An whae wuid bide a shepherd
If he could the fermer be?**

**A fermer's life is fu o care,
Fae worry seldom spared;
Sae whae wuid be a fermer
If he could but be the laird?**

**Sae here's the key will let ye
Tae a better life gain entry.
There's nae yuis bein a bluidy sheep
When you can jine the gentry!**

(Words and tune original.)