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Lonely Goatherd

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High on a hill was a lonely goatherd,
lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl lay-ee-o.
Loud was the voice of the lonely goatherd,
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

Folks in a town that was quite remote, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl lay-ee-o.
Lusty and clear from the goatherd's throat heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

O-ho, lay-dee o-dl-lee-o, O-ho, lay-dee o-dl-ay!
O-ho lay-ee o-dl lee-o, hod-lo-dl-lee-o-ay!

A prince on the bridge of a castle moat, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl lay-ee-o.
Men on a road, with a load to tote, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

Men, in the midst of a table d'hote, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl lay-ee-o.
Men, drinking beer with the foam afloat, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

O-ho, lay-dee o-dl-lee-o, O-ho, lay-dee o-dl-ay!
O-ho lay-ee o-dl lee-o, hod-lo-dl-lee-o-ay!

One little girl, in a pale pink coat, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl lay-ee-o.
She yodled back to the lonely goatherd,
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

Soon her Mama, with a gleaming gloat, heard:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl lay-ee-o.
What a duet for a girl and goatherd:
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

O-ho, lay-dee o-dl-lee-o, O-ho, lay-dee o-dl-ay!
O-ho lay-ee o-dl lee-o, hod-lo-dl-lee-o-ay!

Happy are they, lay-lee o lay-ee lee-o!
O lay-lee o lay-lee lay-ee-o.
Soon the duet will become a trio,
Lay-ee o-dl, lay-ee o-dl-o.

Ho-di lay-ee
Ho-di lay-ee
Ho-di lay-ee
O-de lay-ee o-dl lee-e o-dl lay.