When I was a lad and old Shep was a pup over hills and the mead ows we'd stray

Just a boy and his dog we were both full of fun and we grew up together that way

I remember the time at the old swimmin' hole

When I would have drowned beyond doubt

But old Shep he was right there to the rescue he came

He jumped in and he pulled me out

Now the years rolled along and at last he grew old his eye sigh  ${\sf t}$  was fast growing  ${\sf dim}$ 

Then one day the doctor looked at him and said well I can do no more for him  $\operatorname{Jim}$ 

With a hand that was tremblin' I picked up my gun

And I aimed it at Shep's faithful head

But I just couldn't do it oh I wanted to run and I wished they would shoot me instead

Well I went to his side and I sat on the ground and he laid his head on my knee

I stroke the best pal that a man ever had then I cried so I sca resly could see

Now old Shep is gone where the good doggies go and no more with old Shep will I roam

But if dogs have a heaven there's one thing I know old Shep has a wonderful home