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Folksong text in modern French; originally in the Limousin dialect of the Occitan language.  
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**Jeanneton où irons-nous garder,**  
[ʒa.nø.tõ u i.rõ.nu gar.de]  
Jean, where shall-go-we to-guard/(our flock),  
(*Jean, where shall we go to tend our flock*)

Qu'ayons bon (temps) une heure? Lan la!...  
Là-bas, là-bas, au pré barré,  
Y'a de tant belles ombres! Lan la!...

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**Janeta ount anirem gardar,**  
[ʒa.ne.ta unt a.ni.rem gar.dar]  
Jeanette where shall-we-go to-guard,  
(*Jeanette where shall we go to tend (the flock)*.)

Qu'ajam boun tems un'oura? Lan la!  
Aval, aval, al prat barrat,  
Ia de tan belas oumbra! Lan la!...

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*Thank you!*

