

“Rural Traditions, Community Connections”

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Rural traditions, community connections

We've got those things here in spades

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We people of Red Hook have got it made

From the Fraleighs & the Vosburghs

To Hearty Roots today

Rural traditions

Are a natural part of our way

And right here at our school

We're growing lots of good food, too

It's all a mighty cool way

To keep those connections alive today

CHORUS (1st two lines)

During the revolution

We kept the soldiers fed

Using wheat from our fields

Is how they baked their bread

From Red Hook to Newburgh

Jacob Whitman rode through the night

Bringing flour to Washington's troops

Before the first daylight

CHORUS

Thanks to Bonaparte's sheep

Our wool production was hard to beat

In Barrytown, Massena & Montgomery Place

Thousands of sheep were raised

Weaving the local wool

The women had lots of work to do

16,000 yards of cloth

Their hard work certainly paid off

CHORUS

And don't ya know we got apples, too

Apples for me, apples for you

Autumn harvest, springtime blossom

However you slice 'em, apples are awesome

Apple cider, applesauce

Red Hook is the apple boss

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Red Hook is the apple boss

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