

## Perfect Pitch

In Arthur's Hill and Elswick Ram Toby was well known.  
He played guitar and sang as well  
And learned the saxophone.

They said, "You'll get no money here. You can be sure of that  
So find a decent pitch in town  
And don't forget your hat.

"You'll need it when you're playing well. The crowds will flock around.  
They'll throw their money in your hat.  
A few pence or a pound.

Ram took the bus to Gallowgate. The crowds were strolling in.  
They were happy, they were confident.  
They knew their team would win.



Ram saw the player's entrance so he thought he'd go that way.  
"Well, I'm a player after all.  
I shouldn't have to pay.

"This looks a really decent pitch. I'll put my hat down here."  
He did so and to his surprise.  
He heard a roaring cheer.

The teams came out and ran around, just trying out their paces.

Ram thought he'd do his best to help,  
So he played the Blaydon Races.

The game began but by half time there wasn't any score.  
So Ram decided he would help  
As he had done before.

The crowd were just astonished when he joined in the attacks.  
A corner came, he missed the ball  
But it bounced in off his sax.

"What did you get for playing?" asked his friend and neighbour Jeff.  
"Ten thousand pounds from Ashley  
And a red card from the ref"

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