

FREE RANGERS

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Chooks in the paddock
Chooks ranging free
Boiled eggs for breakfast?
Scrambled for tea?

Chooks in their sandpit
Dust on their breasts
Searching through boxthorns
Looking for nests.

When the sun's shining
In their tin shed
Chooks on their perches
Early to bed.

Noisy chooks cackling
Greet a new day,
Scratching the seedlings
No time to lay.

Chooks busy feeding
Humbly I beg -
Could you just manage
A newly laid egg?