

While Gamekeepers Lie Sleeping

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Oh I've got a dog got and they're good dog too
And I keeps it in me keeping
For catch those hares that run by night
While the gamekeepers lie a sleeping

My dog and me went out one night
For to length some education
Up jumped a hare and the way she ran
Right into some large plantation

She had not gone so very far
Before something stopped her running.
So on and on she loudly cried
For the minute she heard someone coming

Now I took out my little pen knife
And quickly I did paunch her.
She turned out one of the female kind
I'm glad may I caught her

I fixed her up and placed her down
And I puts her in my keeping
I says to my dog its time to be going
While the game-keeper lies sleeping

Away me and dog did go
Back into the town
We took that hare to a labouring man
We sold it for a crown

We went into some public house
And there we I got quite mellow
For we spent that crown and another one too
Don't you think that I'm a good hearted fellow

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