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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