

## 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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