

## Whilst The Gamekeepers Lie Sleeping

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Whilst The Gamekeepers Lie Sleeping'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by the lyrics 'O I've got a dog and a good dog too'. The second staff continues with '(And) I keeps him in my ke - - e - - ping'. The third staff has 'For to catch those hares that run by night'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Whilst the game - kee - - pers lie sle - - e - - ping'.

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For to catch those hares that run by night  
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O I've got a dog and a good dog too  
And I keeps him in my keeping  
For to catch those hares that run by night  
Whilst the gamekeepers lie sleeping

My dog and me went out one night  
For to learn some education  
Up jumps a hare and away she ran  
Into a large plantation

She had not gone so very far  
Before something stopped her running,  
O Aunt! O Aunt! /One leap from a dog/ she loudly cried,  
Stop a minute, your Uncle's coming!

Oh I took out my little penknife  
And quickly I did paunch her,  
She turned out one of the female kind  
I'm mighty glad I caught her

I picked her up and I smoothed her down  
And I put her in my keeping  
And I said to my dog 'It's time to be going  
Whilst the gamekeepers are still sleeping

Me and my dog went to the town,  
And sold the hare to a labouring man  
And I sold him for a crown.

We then went to some public house  
And there we got well mellow;  
For we spent that crown and another one too,  
Don't you think I'm a good-hearted fellow?

(repeat 1st verse)