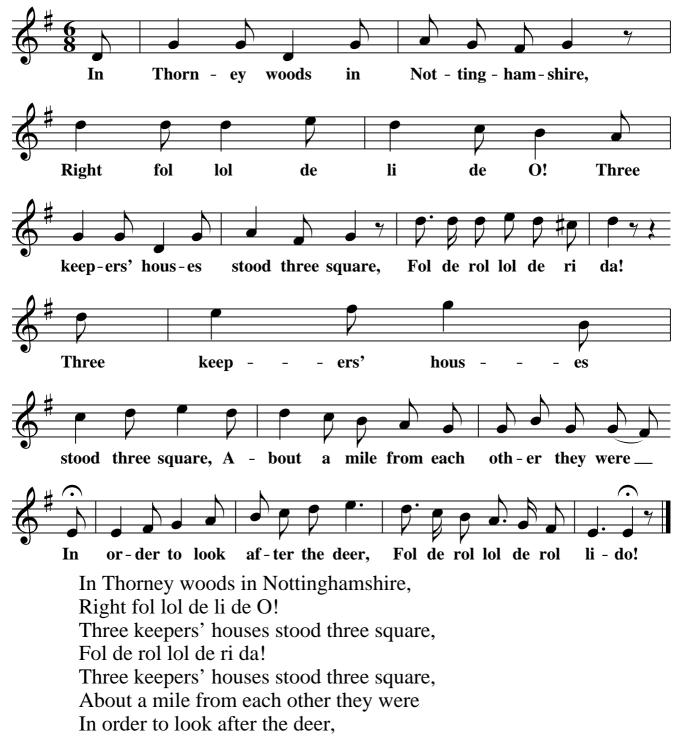
The Nottinghamshire Poacher



Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

I and my dogs went out one night, Right fol lol de li de O! The moon and the stars they shone so bright, Fol de rol lol de ri da! O'er hedges, ditches, gates and stiles With my two dogs close at by heels, To look for a buck in Parkmoor fields, Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

The very first night I had bad luck Right fol lol de li de O! For my very best dog om the breast got stuck Fol de rol lol de ri da! He came to me so limping lame He was not able to follow the game How sorry was I to see the same! Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

I searched his woulds, and found them slight. Right fol lol de li de O! 'Twas done by a keeper out of spite, Fol de rol lol de ri da! I took my pikestaff in my hand And ranged the woods to find the man To see whether I his hide could tan, Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

When I had rang-ed all that night Right fol lol de li de O! Until the next morning it was daylight Fol de rol lol de ri da! When I had rang-ed all that night Until the next morning it was daylight I thought it high time to take my flight, Fol de rol lol de rol li do! Then I went home and I went to bed Right fol lol de li de O! And limping Jack sent in my stead Fol de rol lol de ri da! In Parkmoor fields, oh there he found A brave fat buck running over the ground And my two dogs soon pulled him down Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

I listened a while to hear their note Right fol lol de li de O! Jack drew a quivy and cut his throat Fol de rol lol de ri da! How you'ld have laughed to see limping Jack Come hopping along with a buck on his back And hide it under the miller's haystack, Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

We sent for the butcher to dress up our game Right fol lol de li de O! And likewise another to sell the same Fol de rol lol de ri da! A very fine haunch we offered for sale 'Twas to an old woman who sold bad ale And hang her! she brought us all to jail, Fol de rol lol de rol li do!

Now sessions are over, assizes are near, Right fol lol de li de O! Now Jack and I we must appear Fol de rol lol de ri da! Your bucks and your does may range so free But hares and rabbits they are for me; A poacher's life is the life for me! Fol de rol lol de rol li do!