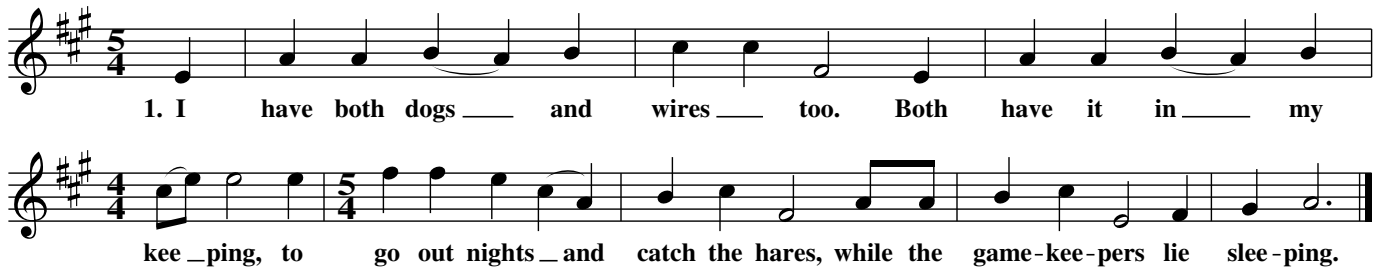


While the Gamekeepers Lie Sleeping



1. I have both dogs ___ and wires ___ too. Both have it in ___ my
kee _ping, to go out nights _and catch the hares, while the game-kee-pers lie slee-ping.

2. I and my dogs went out one night
I viewed our habitation.
When up jumped three hares and away they ran
Right into my plantation.
3. They hadn't been running far, before
Something stopped their running.
When one of them cried out 'Aunt,
Yes, your uncle's just a-coming.'
4. I went up to them and pulled their collars off
And thought them famous creatures.
Whether it be a female or an old jack
He was a handsome creature.
- 5 Then I'll go down to yon public house
I will sit and get mellow.
I will sit down and spend a crown
And be a good-hearted fellow.

Source: Sung by Thomas Bunting, Sherborne. Learnt from his father, James Bunting, as he sat making wires to catch rabbits. Collected by James Madison Carpenter between 1927 and 1935.