

# RVW2/2/27 Poacher's Song

"Sung in the 'Bell'" Willingale Doe, Essex, 14 April 1904

(Editorial suggestion) ♩ = 80



When I was forc-éd to leave my home O was-n't it pro - vo - king I



kept two dogs and a fer-ret too I kept them for my spor-ting.

I hadn't got a half a field,  
A half a field, no further,  
Before up jumps another one;  
My dogs and hare screams murder.

I picks her up and I cracks her old neck  
And into my pocket puts her.  
Thinks I to myself I had better be going  
Before I meets the looker.

I went into a neighbour's house  
And I asked him what he'd give me.  
He said he'd give me a crown a brace  
If I would bring him fifty.

I went into a public house  
And there I gets quite mellow.  
I spent a crown, another one throwed down;  
Wasn't I a good-hearted fellow?