

31 Hares in the Plantation - Mr Elmer?



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In the MS Vaughan Williams does not indicate the rhythm of these 5 notes

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1
My parents turned me out of doors;
don't you think it was provoking?
A brace of dogs all in my house;
I keep them for my sporting.

2
Me and my dogs went out one night
to view the whole creation;
to catch one hare was our intent
while the gamekeeper was sleeping.

3
Before we'd crossed one half a field,
one half a field, no further,
then up jumped one and away she run
right down in my plantation.

4
I picked her up and I cracked her neck
and in my pocket I put her.
I said to my dogs, 'We'd better be gone
before there come any Lookers.'

5
I carried her to the gamekeeper's house;
I asked what they would give me.
'I'll give you a crown, if it's for one brace,
if you can catch me fifty.'

6
I went into the publican's house;
set down for to get mellow.
They spent one crown and another one down,
singing, 'A good-hearted fellow'.