

The Creggan White Hare
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[Verse 1]

G G/F# Em C
In the lowland of Creggan, there lives a white hare,
G G/F# Em D
As swift as the swallow that flies through the air.
Em G
You may tramp the world over but none to compare
C G Em C
to the pride of old Creggan, that bonnie white hare.

[Verse 2]

G G/F# Em C
One clear autumn morning, as you will suppose,
G G/F# Em D
ohh The red golden sun oâ€™er the green mountain rose.
Em G
Barney Conway came down and he did declare,
C G Em C
â€œThis day Iâ€™ll put an end to the bonnie white hare.â€•

[Verse 3]

G G/F# Em C
so He searched through the lowlands and down through the glens,
G G/F# Em D
all among the wild ditches where the white hare had ends,
Em G
Till at last coming down oâ€™er the heather so fair,
C G Em C
From behind the wild thistle out jumps the white hare.

[Verse 4]

G G/F# Em C
â€œBang! bang!â€• went his gun and his dogs it slipped too.
G G/F# Em D
As swift as the wind over the green mountain flew.
Em G
But his dog soon came back, and it made Barney sigh,
C G Em C
For he knew that the white hare had bid him goodbye.

[Verse 5]

G G/F# Em C
and Weâ€™re some jolly sportsmen down here from Pomeroy
G G/F# Em D
From Cookstown, Dungannon, and likewise the Moy.
Em G
With our pedigree greyhounds weâ€™ve travelled from far

C **G** **Em** **C**
And weâ€™ve come down to Creggan in our fine motor car.

[Verse 6]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
well into the lowlands these huntsmen did go
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
In search of the white hare they look high and low,
Em **G**
Till at last Barney Conway from a bog bank so rare
C **G** **Em** **C**
Shouted out to the huntsmen, â€œThere lies the white hare.â€•

[Verse 7]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
so They call up their greyhounds from off the green lea
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
And Barney and the huntsmen all jumped high with glee,
Em **G**
it was there on the bog bank all gathered around,
C **G** **Em** **C**
Seven dogs and nine men did that poor hare surround.

[Verse 8]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
Oh No wonder the white hare did tremble with fear
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
As she stood on her hind legs, she would raise her big ears,
Em **G**
as she stood on her hind legs with one gallant spring,
C **G** **Em** **C**
She jumped over the greyhounds and broke through the ring.

[Verse 9]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
Well that chase It went on, it was beautiful view
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
As swift as the wind oâ€™er the green mountain flew.
Em **G**
But those pedigree greyhounds, they didnâ€™t run far.
C **G** **Em** **C**
They come back and went home in their fine motor car.

[Verse 10]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
Then there came another man and you all know him well;
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
His name was mick kelly with the Bonnie Black Nell.
Em **G**
oh In search of the white hare, today â€œIâ€™ll have fun.
C **G** **Em** **C**
ill bet fifty to one my Black Nell does her turn.â€•

[Verse 11]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
Five turns the hare got then from Bonnie Black Nell,
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
And the sixth one was given around John Haughey's well.
Em **G**
~it was there we lost sight of the hare and the dog,
C **G** **Em** **C**
And then ten minutes later they come o'er the bog.

[Verse 12]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
Well, that chase it went on. It was great for to see.
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
The white hare and the black dog both roamed light and free,
Em **G**
Till she travelled to Esker where she knew the lands well,
C **G** **Em** **C**
And to Bonnie Black Nell there soon bid farewell.

[Verse 13]

G **G/F#** **Em** **C**
Oh And now to conclude and to finish this rhyme
G **G/F#** **Em** **D**
I hope you'll forgive me for singing all this while.
Em **G**
If there's any amongst you in Carrick more fair,
C **G** **Em** **C**
please drink up a health to that bonnie white hare.