

THE CREGGAN WHITE HARE

D D/C# Bm A
In the lowland of Creggan there lives a white hare
D D/C# Bm A
As swift as the swallow that flies through that air
Bm D
You may tramp the world over but none can compare
D D/C# Bm A
With the pride of low Creggan that bonnie white hare

One clear autumn morning as you may suppose
The red golden sun o'er the green mountain rose
Barney Conway came down and he did declare
This day I'll put an end to that bonnie white hare

He searched through the lowlands and down through the glens
And among the wild bushes where the white hare had ends
Till at last coming home o'er the heather so bare
From behind a wild thistle jumped out the white hare

Bang bang went his gun and his dog he slipped too
As swift as the wind over the green mountain flew
But the dog soon came back which made poor Barney sigh
For he knew that the white hare did bid him goodbye

Tune

We're some jolly sportsmen down here from Pomeroy
From Cookstown Dungannon and likewise the Moy
With our pedigree greyhound we've travelled afar
And we've come down to Creggan in our fine motor car

Away to the lowlands there huntsmen did go
in search to the white hare they look high and low
Till at last Barney Conway on a bog bank so bare
Shouted out to these huntsmen there lies the white hare

They call up their greyhounds from off the green lea
And Barney and the huntsmen they jumped high with glee
For there on the turf bank all gathered around
Seven dogs and nine men did that poor hare surround

No wonder the white hare did tremble with fear
 As she stood on her toes and would raise her big ears
 But she stood on her toes and with one gallant spring
 She cleared over the greyhounds and broke through the ring

Well the case i went on twas a beautiful view
 As swift as the wind o'er the green mountains flew
 But with pedigree greyhound they didn't go far
 They come back and went home in their motor car

There come another man and you all know him well
 His name is Pat Devlin and Bonnie Black Nell
 In search of the white hare he says I'll have fun
 here's fifty to one that Black Nell does her turn

Five turns the hare got then from Bonnie Black Nell
 and the sixth one was given around John Haugley's well
 Twas there we lost sight of the white hare and the dog
 And ten minutes later they come o'er the bog

Well the chase it went on it was great for to see
 The white hare and the greyhound they roamed light and free
 Till she travelled to Esker where she knew the land well
 And to Bonnie Black Nell she soon bid farewell

TUNE

And now to conclude and finish it's time
 I hope you'll forgive me for singing this rhyme
 If there's any amongst you in Carrick more fair
 Let's drink up a health to the bonnie white hare

The musical notation is presented in two systems. The first system consists of five measures of music. Above the staff, the chords are labeled: D, D/C#, Bm, A, D, D/C#, Bm, A. The guitar-style chord diagrams below the staff show the following fingerings: Measure 1: 0 2 4 0 | 4 2 0; Measure 2: 0 2 4 0 | 4 2 0; Measure 3: 0 2 4 0 | 4 2 0; Measure 4: 0 2 4 0 | 2; Measure 5: 2 4 5 0. The second system starts at measure 6 and consists of five measures. Above the staff, the chords are labeled: Bm, D, D, D/C#, Bm, A. The guitar-style chord diagrams below the staff show the following fingerings: Measure 6: 0 2 4 5; Measure 7: 5 2 0 | 5 2 0 0; Measure 8: 5 2 0 | 4 2 0; Measure 9: 2 4 0 | 2; Measure 10: (empty).