Steeleye Span "The Bold Poachers"

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Concerning of three young men One night in January According laws contrary A-poaching went straightway

They were inclined to ramble Amongst the trees and brambles A-firing at the pheasants Which brought the keepers nigh

The keepers dared not enter Nor cared the woods to venture But outside near the centre In them old bush they stood

The poachers they were tired And to leave they were desired At at last young Parkins fired And spilled one keeper's blood

Fast homeward they were making Nine pheasants they were taking When another keeper faced them They fired at him also

He on the ground lay crying Just like some person dying With no assistance nigh him May God forgive their crime

Then they were taken with speed All for that inhuman deed It caused their hearts to bleed For their young tender years

There seen before was never
Three brothers tried together
Three brothers condemned for poaching
Found guilty as they stood

Exiled in transportation

Two brothers they were taken And the other hung as a token May God forgive their crime /]

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