

## Irish Folksongs

### "THE CREGGAN WHITE HARE"

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

One clean 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 it 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 had bid him again

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 for 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 three on the turf bank all gathered around  
Seven dogs and nine men did that poor hare surround

Now 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 beauti

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