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The Fox,

Hunting Song

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MOST Gentlemen take delight,
In hunting bold Reynard the Fox,
Near to Gaffer Gilding I lay,
I fed upon rat geese and ducks,

'Tis near to Gaffer Gilding I lay,
Not thinking so soon I should die,
I was chas'd by a fresh pack of hounds,
'Caus'd me from my country to fly

Lord Jones for the king's hounds did send,
Jerry Balsam he swore I should die,
I have left young brothers behind me,
That love young lambs better than I.

'Tis over Stony fields where I rambled,
Where the blood thirsty hounds did follow
They made my old coat stand an end
For to hear how the huntsman did hollow,

Of times I have been surpriz'd,
By dogs that could run like a cow,
But in all the whole course of my life,
I was never out of breath till now.

Full forty miles have I run,
I have run them in three hours space,
O pardon dear huntsmen and hounds,
So boldly I follow'd the chace.

As by Simon Stuart's I run,
There the game keeper shot thro' my thigh,
O pardon, dear huntsman and hounds,
By this fatal wound I shall die

It was in Stone fields they kill'd me,
Where the blood thirsty hounds did me follow,
They tore my old jacket to pieces
And there gave the huntsman's loud halloo

But since old Reynard you have kill'd
You may go to the Dolphin and dine
and put his fore paw in a bumper
And drink my Lord's health in good wine.