

The Gurt Black Dog of Somerset

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All

Moderately *mf*

There once did live, 'tis

mf

1 A kind and gen - tle cot - ta - ger

5

said

mf

Near Bick-nol-ler in So-mer-set

8

He

mf

Not far from Quan-tox - head.

10

drearly

Through

One drea - ry win - ter's day;

8

chose to climb the Quan-tock Hills

Ooh,

Ooh,

ooh,

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14 *cheer up!* *p*

Wea-combe and to - wards the top — He went his cheer-ful way. — *Good*

Ooh, — He went his cheer-ful way. — *Good*

He went his cheer-ful way. — *Good*

He went his cheer-ful way. — *Good*

18 *Cheerfully*

coun - try-folk of So - mer-set, — who - e - ver ye may be, — *The*

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Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye. —

Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye. — *mf* 2 But

Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye. —

Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye, of ye. —

26 *Warily* *f* *pp*

Oh!

then all un - ex - pec - ted - ly — Just as his goal was neared, — A

30 *mf sub.* *p*

— oo — ah — ap - peared.

sea - borne mist so damp and cold — There sud - den - ly ap - peared. — That

oo — There sud - den - ly ap - peared.

oo — ah — ap - peared.

34 *rall.* *pp* *a tempo*

he might freeze to death with cold To him it did oc - cur; — But

oo freeze to death oo oo —

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there he felt a coat of fur. *mf* *f* Good

as he groped his cau-tious way. *mf* *f* He felt a coat of fur. Good

there he felt a coat of fur. *mf* *f* Good

there he felt a coat of fur. *mf* *f* Good

42 Bit faster

coun - try-folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The

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coun - try-folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The

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Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye. 3 'Twas

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Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye. 3 'Twas

Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye, of ye. 3 'Twas

50 *Tempo I smoothly, reassured*

his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep,
his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, The cot - ta - ger be - lieved, Who'd
his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, The cot - ta - ger be - lieved, Who'd
his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, The cot - ta - ger be - lieved, Who'd

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Who'd come to guide him home; He
come to guide him safe - ly home; So he was much re - lieved. He
come to guide him safe - ly home; So he was much re - lieved. He
come to guide him safe - ly home; So he was much re - lieved. He

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fol - lowed, as he thought, his Shep; *f* "Whoame boy, whoame boy," he
fol - lowed, as he thought, his Shep; *f* "Whoame boy, whoame boy," he
fol - lowed, as he thought, his Shep; *f* "Whoame boy, whoame boy," he
fol - lowed, as he thought, his Shep; *f* "Whoame boy, whoame boy," he

61 *mf* *p* *mf*

cried But when they reached the cot-tage door, His own dog

cried But when they reached the cot-tage door, His own dog

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65 *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* Bit faster

was in - side. Good coun-try-folk of So-mer-set, who-

was in - side. Good coun-try-folk of So - mer-set, who-

was in - side. Good coun-try-folk of So - mer-set, who-

was in - side. Good coun-try-folk of So - mer-set, who-

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e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of

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e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of

e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye, of

Slower, mysterious

75 *mp* ye. 4 Just then he spied his guide dog: *p* It slow - ly

mp ye. 4 Just then he spied his guide dog: *mf* It slow - ly grew in

mp ye. 4 Just then he spied his guide dog: *p* It slow - ly grew in

mp ye. 4 Just then he spied his guide dog: *p* It slow - ly grew in

79 grew in size; *(gradually close to humming)*

size; Then grad-ual-ly it dis-ap-peared.

size; *(gradually close to humming)*

size; *(gradually close to humming)* fade out as you run out of breath

84 *p* breathless *mp* pick up speed a little

p Be - fore his ve - ry eyes. *Glissando* *mp* Who was it then who'd

p Be - fore his ve - ry eyes. *mp* Who was it then who'd

p Be - fore his ve - ry eyes. *mp* Who was it then who'd

p Be - fore his ve - ry eyes. *Glissando* *mp* Who was it then who'd

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brought him back To safe - ty through the fog?

brought him back through the fog, the fog, the fog, the fog, the

brought him back through the fog, the fog, the fog, the fog, the

brought him back through the fog, the fog, the fog, the fog, the

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mf "God bless him," cried the cot - ta - ger, *f* "It was the

mf fog? *f* "God bless him," cried the cot - ta - ger, *f* "It was the

mf fog? *f* "God bless him," cried the cot - ta - ger, *f* "It was the

mf fog? *f* "God bless him," cried the cot - ta - ger, *f* "It was the

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Bit faster

Gurt Black Dog! Good coun - try-folk of

Gurt Black Dog! Good

Gurt Black Dog! Good coun - try-folk of

Gurt Black Dog! Good

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So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up
 coun - try-folk of So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The
 So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up
 coun - try-folk of So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The

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o - ver, he'll take care of ye. *ff* Good coun - try-folk of
 Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye.
 o - ver, he'll take care of ye. *ff* Good
 Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye.

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So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The
ff Good coun - try - folk of So - mer - set, who -
 coun - try - folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may
ff Good coun - try - folk of

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Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of
 e - ver ye may be, _____ The Gurt Black Dog up
 be, _____ The Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take
 So - mer - set, _____ who - e - ver ye may be, _____ The

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ye, the Gurt Black Dog. _____ rit. -----
 o - ver, he'll take care of ye, the Gurt Black Dog. _____
 care of ye, Black Dog. _____
 Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of ye. _____

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