

# The Gurt Black Dog of Somerset

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Moderately

All

*mf*

1 A kind and gen - tle

Moderately

*mf* smoothly etc.

6 cot - ta - ger There once did live, 'tis said Near Bick - nol - ler in So - mer - set Not

11 far from Quan - tox - head. He chose to climb the Quan - tock Hills One

15 *drearily* drea - ry win - ter's day; Through Wea - combe and to - wards the top He

15 *drearily*

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The tempo is marked 'Moderately'. The first system starts with a vocal rest and a piano introduction marked 'mf'. The lyrics '1 A kind and gen - tle' are under the first vocal note. The piano accompaniment is marked 'mf smoothly' and includes the word 'etc.' in the fourth measure. The second system begins at measure 6 with the lyrics 'cot - ta - ger There once did live, 'tis said Near Bick - nol - ler in So - mer - set Not'. The third system begins at measure 11 with the lyrics 'far from Quan - tox - head. He chose to climb the Quan - tock Hills One'. The fourth system begins at measure 15 with the lyrics '15 drearily drea - ry win - ter's day; Through Wea - combe and to - wards the top He'. The piano accompaniment in the fourth system is also marked 'drearily'.

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31 *pp*

as his goal was neared, A sea - borne mist so damp and cold There

There

35 *mf sub.* *rall.* *pp*

ah ap - peared.

sud - den - ly ap - peared. That he might freeze to death with cold To

sud - den - ly ap - peared. oo freeze to death oo

ah ap - peared. oo

39 *a tempo* *mf*

there he felt a coat of

him it did oc - cur; But as he groped his cau - tious way He felt a coat of

there he felt a coat of

there he felt a coat

44 *f* Bit faster  
 fur. Good coun - try - folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The  
 fur. Good coun - try - folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The  
 fur. *mf* Good coun - try - folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The  
 of fur. Good coun - try - folk of So - mer - set, who - e - ver ye may be, The

44 *f* Bit faster

49 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. 3 'Twas  
 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

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53 Tempo I *smoothly, reassured*  
 his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, Who'd  
 his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, The cot - ta - ger be - lieved, Who'd come to guide him  
 his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, The cot - ta - ger be - lieved, Who'd come to guide him  
 his old faith - ful sheep - dog, Shep, The cot - ta - ger be - lieved, Who'd come to guide him

53 Tempo I *smoothly, reassured*

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come to guide him home; He fol-lowed, as he thought, his Shep; "Whoame  
 safe-ly home; So he was much re-lieved. He fol-lowed, as he thought, his Shep; "Whoame  
 safe-ly home; So he was much re-lieved. He fol-lowed, as he thought, his Shep; "Whoame  
 safe-ly home; So he was much re-lieved. He fol-lowed, as he thought, his Shep; "Whoame

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boy, whoame boy," he cried But when they reached the cot-tage door, His own dog  
 boy, whoame boy," he cried But when they reached the cot-tage door, His own dog  
 boy, whoame boy," he cried But when they reached the cot-tage door, His own dog  
 boy, whoame boy," he cried But when they reached the cot-tage door, His own dog

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68

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

68

Bit faster

73

e-ver ye may be, — The Gurt Black Dog up o-ver, he'll take care of ye. — 4 Just

e-ver ye may be, — The Gurt Black Dog up o-ver, he'll take care of ye. — 4 Just

e-ver ye may be, — The Gurt Black Dog up o-ver, he'll take care of ye. — 4 Just

e-ver ye may be, — The Gurt Black Dog up o-ver, he'll take care of ye, of ye. — 4 Just

73

Slower, mysterious

79

then he spied his guide dog: — It slow - ly grew in size; —

then he spied his guide dog: — It slow - ly grew in size; — Then

then he spied his guide dog: — It slow - ly grew in size; — (gradually close to humming)

then he spied his guide dog: — It slow - ly grew in size; — (gradually close to humming)

Slower, mysterious

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*pp*

*loco*

*p*

8va

8vb

84 *p* *breathless*  
 Be - fore his ve - ry  
 grad - ual - ly it dis - ap - peared *p* Be - fore his ve - ry  
 Be - fore his ve - ry *p*  
 Be - fore his ve - ry *p*  
*fade out as you run out of breath*

84 *whole hand cluster*  
*ppp* (black and white notes) *p*  
*whole hand cluster* *loco*

pick up speed a little  
 90 *mp*  
 eyes. Who was it then who'd brought him back To safe-ty through the  
 eyes. Who was it then who'd brought him back through the  
 eyes. Who was it then who'd brought him back through the  
 eyes. Who was it then who'd brought him back through the

pick up speed a little  
 90 *whole hand cluster* *loco* *ppp* *mp*  
*whole hand cluster*

95 *mf* *f*  
 fog? ————— “God bless him,” cried the cot - ta - ger, ————— “It  
*mf* *f*  
 fog, ————— the fog? ————— “God bless him,” cried the cot - ta - ger, ————— “It  
*mf* *f*  
 fog, the fog, the fog, the fog, the fog? ————— “God bless him,” cried the cot - ta - ger, “It  
*mf* *f*  
 fog, the fog, the fog, the fog, the fog? ————— “God bless him,” cried the cot - ta - ger, “It

95 *mf* *f*  
*mf* *f*

100  
 was ————— the Gurt Black Dog!” ————— Good  
 was ————— the Gurt Black Dog!”  
 was ————— the Gurt Black Dog!” ————— Good  
 was ————— the Gurt Black Dog!”

100



104 Bit faster

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

104 Bit faster

*f*

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

109

*ff* clangorous

114

e - ver yemay be, The Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take care of  
 coun - try-folk of So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up  
 So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The Gurt Black Dog up o - ver, he'll take  
 Good coun - try-folk of So-mer-set, who - e - ver ye may be, The

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ye, the Gurt Black Dog.  
 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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