

The Keeper

(a.k.a. "The Hunter")

Words & Music:
Traditional English

Bright blessing on Ronald Osaki for tracking down the chords to this in a long-ago songbook ("Sing Together: A Girl Scout Songbook", 3rd edition, 1973). He also noted that The Kingston Trio sang this on their 1960 live album "Sold Out", under the title "The Hunter". He gets a Song Hound gold star!

D G D G D
The keeper would a-hunting go & under his cloak he'd carry a bow
D D G D A7 D
All for the shoot of a merry little doe among the leaves so green-o.

CHORUS:

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GROUP 1: Jackie, boy? GROUP 2: Master.
GROUP 1: Sing you well? GROUP 2: Very well.

BOTH GROUPS:

D A7
Hey, down! Ho, down! Derry, derry, down
D A7 D
Among the leaves so green-o!

The first does she did cross the brook.
The keeper brought her back with his hook.
Where she is now you may go and look among the leaves so green-o.

CHORUS:

The second doe she did cross the plain.
The keeper brought her back again.
Where she is now she may remain among the leaves so green-o.

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

D
GROUP 1: To me hey, down, down! GROUP 2: To my ho, down, down!
D
GROUP 1: Hey, down! GROUP 2: Ho, down!
BOTH GROUPS:
D A7 D A7
Derry, derry, down! Among the leaves so green-o.