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## Header

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Good people all, of every sort,  
Give ear unto my song;  
And if you find it wondrous short,

It cannot hold you long.

In Islington there lived a man,  
Of whom the world might say,  
That still a godly race he ran,

Whene'er he went

to pray.

A kind and gentle heart he had,  
To comfort friends and foes;  
The naked every day he clad,

When he put on

his clothes

And in that town a dog was found:  
As many dogs there be—

Both mongrel, puppy, whelp,

and hound,

And curs of low degree.

This dog and man at first were friends;

But, when a pique began,

The dog, to gain some private ends,

Went mad, and bit the man.

Around from all

the neighbouring streets

The wondering neighbours ran;

And swore the dog had lost his wits,

To bite so good a man.

The wound it seem'd both sore and sad  
To every christian eye;

And while they swore the dog was mad,

They swore the man would die

But soon a wonder came to light,  
That show'd the rogues they lied—

The man recover'd of the bite;

The dog it was that died.

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