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Song of the Hound*

By SIDNEY LANIER

(Reprint)

The hound was cuffed, the hound was kicked,
 O' the ears was cropped, o' the tail was nicked,
 Oo-hoo-o, howled the hound.
 The hound into his kennel crept;
 He rarely wept, he never slept.
 His mouth he always open kept
 Licking his bitter wound,
 The hound;
 U-lu-lo, howled the hound.

A star upon his kennel shone
 That showed the hound a meat-bare bone.
 O, hungry was the hound!
 The hound had but a churlish wit.
 He seized the bone, he crunched, he bit.
 "An thou were Master, I had slit
 Thy throat with a huge wound!"
 Quo' hound.
 O, angry was the hound!

The star in castle-window shone,
 The master lay abed, alone.
 O ho, why not? quo' hound.
 He leapt, he seized the throat, he tore
 The Master, head from neck, to floor,
 And rolled the head i' the kennel door,
 And fled and salved his wound,
 Good hound!
 U-lu-lo, howled the hound.

* This song of revolution was written by Sidney Lanier for inclusion in a long poem, called "The Jacquerie", which was never completed.