## The Long Man

Words and Tune: Maria Cunningham

Keeping watch from Windover Hill
The green man stands so tall and still
Carved from the turf by the ancient ones
His mystery through the ages runs

Some say with rake and scythe he stands
In readiness to till the land
Or does he hold back winter's doors
To welcome summer's sun once more

The downs soar up in majestic folds
A velvet green on a sea of gold
Below them ripples in a wave of corn
And the Long Man keeps vigil 'til another dawn

Though his purpose is lost in a distant age
And history turns another page
The power and mystery cling to him still
As he keeps his secret on Windover Hill