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rah MacDermott MacAskill.) Well, she hadn't been feeling that well that spring. She used to look after the garden herself, her flower garden pretty well by herself, pastime. So I helped her. I made up young beds for her and helped her to fertilize the garden and plant the flowers, and everything was blooming nicely. And then about July, one day, Shep came over and got into the garden and started digging with all four feet. You know, going in the bed, sods flying here and there, all four paws going, and he was a big dog. He ruined the bed. So I ran to the back door where we kept the shotgun. I was going to shoot him through the open window. I was going to finish him off there and then. And, aw, my mother caught me by the arm, "Oh, no, no. Phillip will feel so bad if you shoot him." And I said, "Phillip won't know anything about it." But, I think she just didn't want the gun fired off in the house. Well, I didn't shoot him, but before summer was over she wished that I had. He ruined all the beds in the garden. He came over more than once like that, couldn't chase him away, but that didn't do any good, he'd be back again the next day. I don't know why he used to do that, but that's what he'd do. He ruined the garden. He was part collie, and I don't know what the other part would be, just dog. He was brown, tawny coloured, white feet. He was a big dog. He was about two feet at the shoul? der. He was as long as from here to the end of the bed, easily three feet, no, he was more than three feet from nose to tail. He wasn't very popular with the Sweets, the family who came to live with Phillip. They just wanted to be rid of him. He was totally useless and he was a nuisance. Danny and Joan Hathaway want to thank John and the late Geor? die MacAskill for sharing this song and information with them, as well as Geordie's wife, Ruth, for her help and hospitality.

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