


# Blackthorn!

Traditional English Game



Black - thorn! Black - thorn! But - ter milk and bar - ley corn, How ma - ny sheep have

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you to - day? As ma - ny as you can catch and car - ry a - way!

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Or:



As ma - ny as you catch and car - ry a - way!

The Lancashire game, as described by Miss Dendy, is: One child stands opposite a row of children, and the row run over to the opposite side, when the one child tries to catch them. The ones caught join the one child, and assist her in the process of catching the others. The rhyme is repeated in each case until all are caught, the last one out becoming " Blackthorn " for a new game.