

# THE GENDARMES DUET

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We're public guardians bold, yet wary  
And of ourselves we take good care  
To risk our precious lives we're chary  
When anger looms, we're never there  
But when we meet a helpless woman  
Or little boys that do no harm  
We run them in, we run them in  
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Sometimes our duty's extramural  
Then little butterflies we chase  
We like to gamble in things rural  
Commune with nature face to face  
Unto our beat then back returning  
Refreshed by nature's holy charm  
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If gentlemen will make a riot  
And punch each other's heads at night  
We're quite disposed to keep it quiet  
Provided that they make it right  
But if they do not seem to see it  
Or give to us our proper terms  
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