

# The Hartlepool Monkey

Words & music: Alan Wilkinson  
Based on the singing of Vin Garbutt

**G** **D**  
Well, it happened up in Hartlepool about the time of France

**G**  
The Emperor Napoleon was leading us a dance

**C** **Am**  
When up along the coast came a British man-o'-war

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
The captain's old pet monkey got washed up on the shore

**CHORUS:** **(D)** **G** **D**  
Singing! Old folks, young folks, ev'ry one and each

**G**  
Come and see the Frenchie that's landed on the beach

**C** **Am**  
He's got long arms, a great long tail, he's covered all in hair

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
We think that he's a spy so we'll hang him in the square

**G** **D**  
Now, the Lord Mayor of Hartlepool was walking down the shore

**G**  
When he saw this funny thing he'd never seen before

**C** **Am**  
A-sitting in the sand was a little hairy man

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
Clutching a banana in his little hairy hand

**CHORUS**

**G** **D**  
Well, the Lord Mayor fetched the Town Clerk who hurried to the shore

**G**  
There they found this little man where he had been before

**C** **Am**  
A crowd had gathered 'round him for he was the strangest sight

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
Since the sporting club caught fire on the previous Friday night

**CHORUS**

**G** **D**  
Now, Constable Parsons he hurried to the scene

**G**  
He viewed the situation and he licked his pencil clean

**C** **Am**  
He said "Causing a disturbance is a serious offence

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
And ev'rything you say will go down in evi - dence

**CHORUS**

**G** **D**  
Well, when this little man spoke a funny thing was heard

**G**  
And Constable Parsons couldn't understand a word

**C** **Am**  
But the reason for his puzzlement the crowd could plainly see

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
This little man's a foreigner from far across the sea

**CHORUS**

**G** **D**  
So they hung this little Frenchie from the gallows in the town

**G**  
With a rope around his neck and his tail all hanging down

**C** **Am**  
As a warning to Napoleon to make himself the rule:

**D** **G** **D** **G**  
Not to send his little hairy spies to dear old Hartlepool!

**CHORUS**

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arr. Peter McLaren