

IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASS

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For four unaccompanied voices in strict accordance with the
melody and lute-tablature of Thomas Morley's First Booke of Ayres, 1600

The text of the words differs in certain details from the text of
Shakespeare's "As you like it" the first known edition of which was not printed until 1623

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Lightly, with movement ♩ = about 132

Doh is G. || :d | m :- f | s :s | f :m | r :r .m | f :f .s | l :l .ta }

SOPRANO

It was a lov-er and his lass,
Be - tween the a - cres of the rye,
This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,
Then pret - ty lov-ers take the time,
With a hey, with a ho and a

ALTO

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Be - tween the a - cres of the rye,
This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,
Then pret - ty lov-ers take the time,
With a hey, with a ho and a

TENOR

It was a lov-er and his lass,
Be - tween the a - cres of the rye,
This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,
Then pret - ty lov-ers take the time,
With a hey, with a ho and a

BASS

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Be - tween the a - cres of the rye,
This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,
Then pret - ty lov-ers take the time,
With a hey, with a

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PIANO
or practice
only)

|| d' :- | - :ta .l | s :m .f | s :- | - :f .m | f :r

hey no - ny no, and a hey no - ny no - ny

|| f .m, r :d .r | m :m .f | s :- | - :f .m | r :d | d' :t

hey no - ny no, and a hey no - ny no - ny no - ny

|| l :- | s :- .f | m :d .d | d' :- | t :d' | l .l :s .f

hey no - ny no, and a hey no - ny no - ny no - ny

|| l, :l, .ta, | d :- | - :d, .r, | m, :f, .f, | s, :d .d | f, :s,

ho and a hey no - ny no, and a hey no - ny no - ny

|| d :- | - :- | : | :s | s :s | l :s | f :m | r :r

no, That o'er the green corn - fields did pass, lie, } In

These pret - ty coun - try fools, these coun - try fools would lie, } In

How that a life was but a flower, was but a flower, } In

For love is crown - ed, love is crown - ed with the prime, }

|| d :- | - :m | r .d :d | - :t, | d :m | f :m | r :de | r :r

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Spring time, in Spring time, in Spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

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ring time, When birds do sing Hey ding a ding a ding, hey

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|| d' .ta :l .s | f :l | l .s :f .m | r :f | m :- .m | r :- .r |

ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the

|| l, .s, :f, | :f | f .m :r .d | t, :r | r .d :d | - :t, }

ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov-ers love the

|| d' :d' .ta | l .s :f | d' :l .l | r :l | l :s | s :- .f }

hey, ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the

|| f, :- | - :f, | f, :- .f, | s, :r, | l, :d | s, :s, }

ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the

3 pulse meas.

|| d :d | s :- | m :- | : | : s | d' :- | l :f }

p Spring, in Spring time, in Spring time, the

|| d :s, | s, :- | - :m, | s, :- .f, | m, :- | :m | f :d }

p Spring, sweet lov - ers love the Spring, Spring time, the

|| m :m | r :- | d :d | - :t, | d :- | :s | f :l }

p Spring, sweet lov - ers love the Spring, Spring time, the

|| d, :d | d :t, | d :- | s, :- | d, :- | :d | f, :f, }

p Spring, sweet lov - ers love the Spring, Spring time, the

2 pulse meas.

||1 :- |s :f | - :m |s :- |m :d |f :m |r :s |s .f :m .r |d . :d' }
 on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing Hey ding a ding a ding, hey

||f :- |m :r | - :d | - :t, |ḋ :- |r :ḋ | - :t, |d : |d :d .ta, }
 on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing Hey ding a

||d' :- |d' :l |s :d |r :- |d :m |r :m .f |s :- |s :s .f |m .r :d }
 on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing Hey ding a ding a ding,

||f .s :l .ta, |d :r |t, :d |s, :- |d, :d |t, :d |s, :- |d, :d |d .ta, :l, .s, }
 on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing, Hey ding a ding a

||d' .ta :l .s |f :l |l .s :f .m |r :f |m :- .m |r :- .r |d :- | - :- ||
 ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

||l, .s, :f, | :f |f .m :r .d |t, :r |r .d :d | - :t, |d :- | - :- ||
 ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

||d' :d' .ta |l .s :f |d' :l .l |r :l |l :s |s :- .f |m :- | - :- ||
 hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

||f, :- | - :f, |f, :- .f, |s, :r, |l, :d |s, :s, |d, :- | - :- ||
 ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.