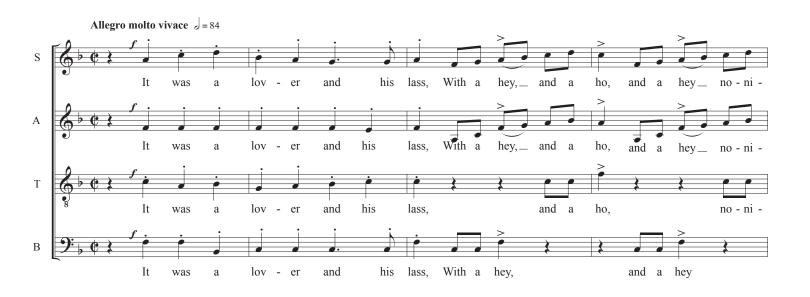


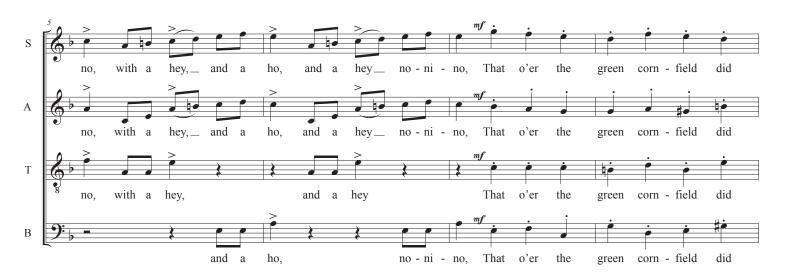
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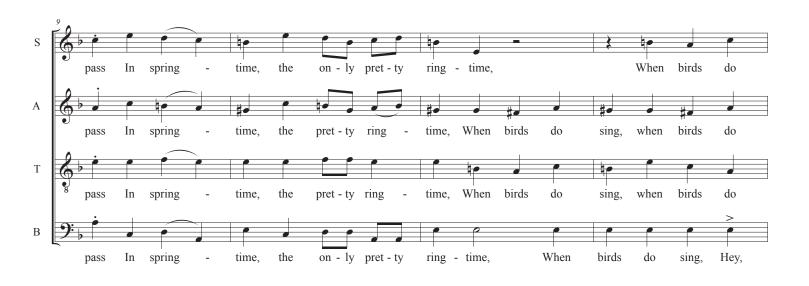
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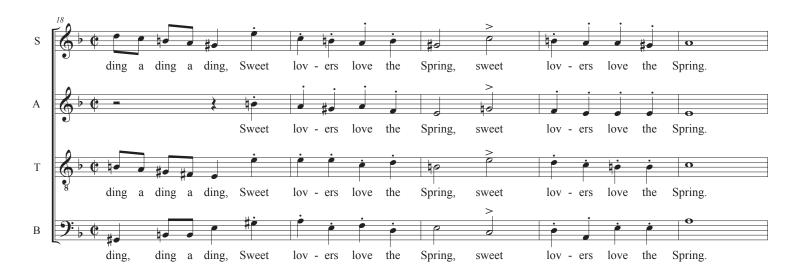


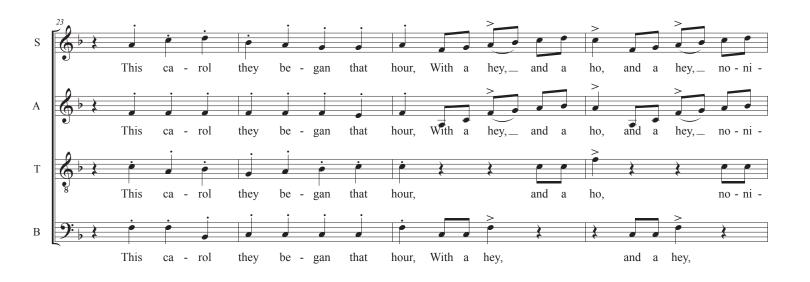


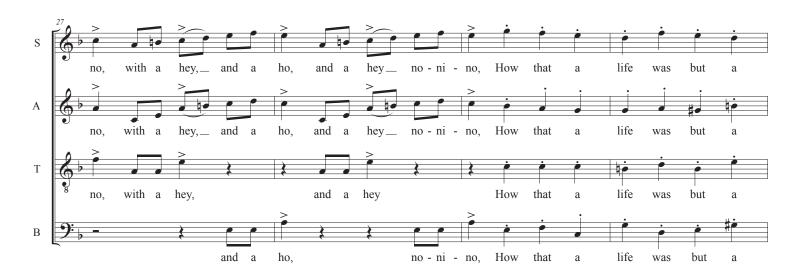


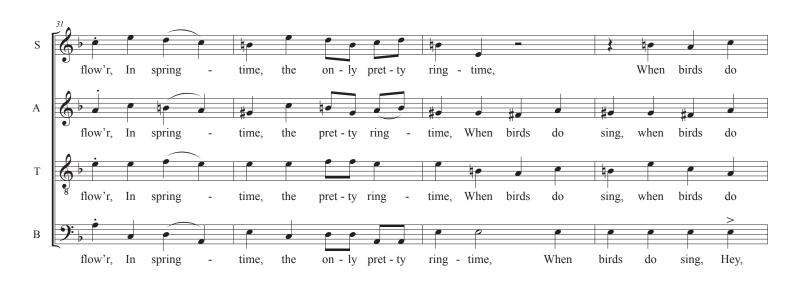




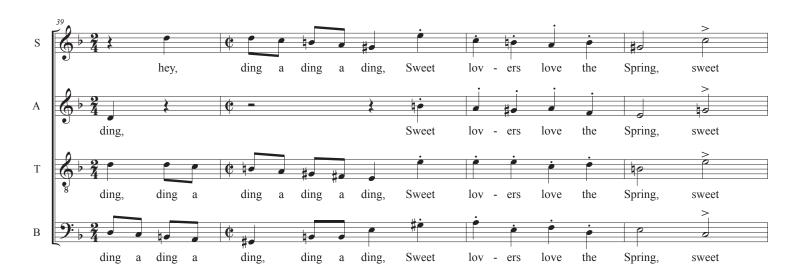


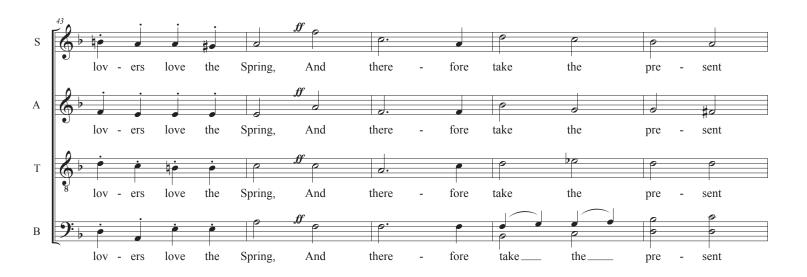


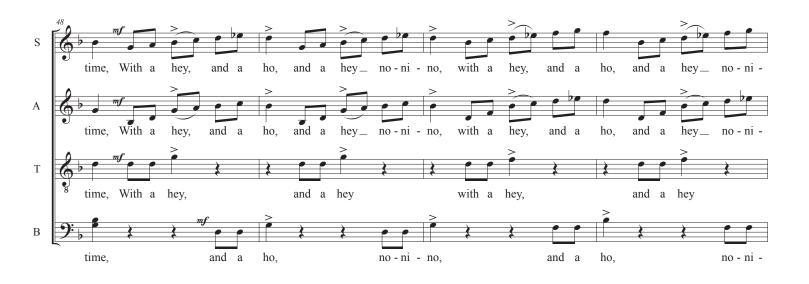


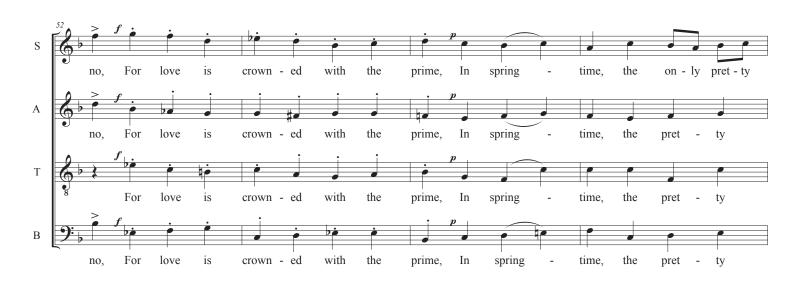


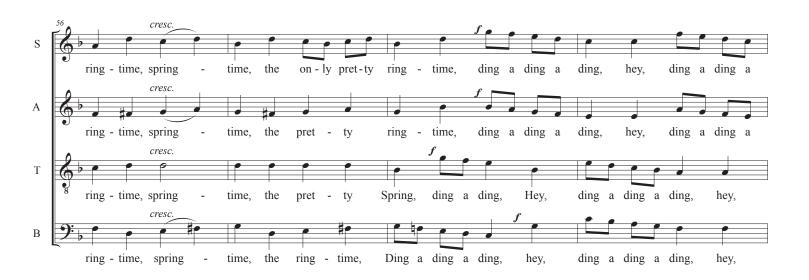


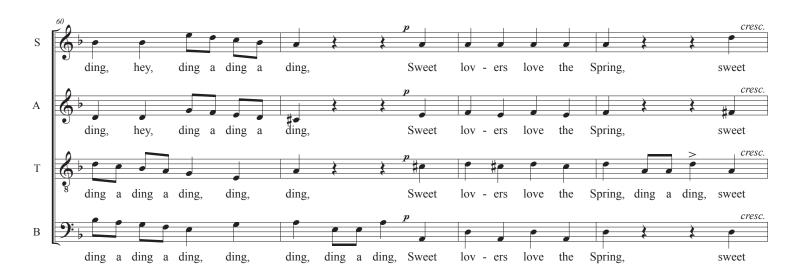


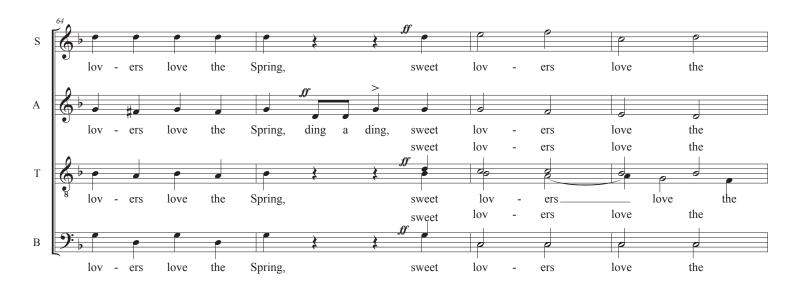


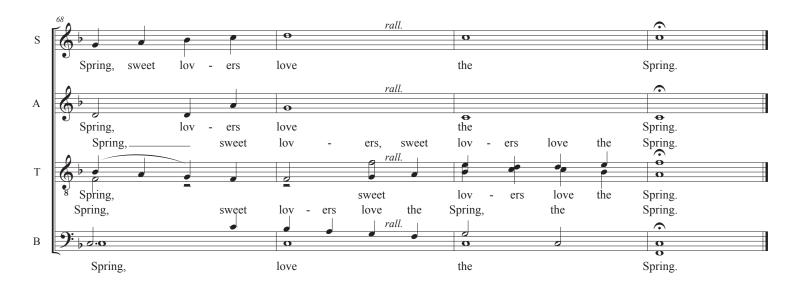












Sir Joseph Barnby (1838–1896) was born at York, as a son of organist Thomas Barnby. He was a chorister at York Minster and was educated at the Royal Academy of Music. In 1856, he competed for the first Mendelssohn Scholarship and tied for first place with Arthur Sullivan, but, after a second test, Sullivan won. Barnby held organist positions at Mitcham, St. Michael's, Queenhithe, and St. James' the Less, Westminster, St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London, and St. Anne's, Soho. In London, he also was conductor of "Barnby's Choir," well known for their many performances. In 1871 he was appointed conductor of the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, succeeding the eminent composer Charles Gounod after he returned to his native France. He held that position until his death. He was director of music at Eton College then principal of the Guildhall School of Music. His works include oratorio, many services and anthems, 246 hymn tunes, organ pieces, and many part-songs, some of the most popular of the era.

It was a lover and his lass,
With a hey, and a ho, and a hey nonino,
That o'er the green cornfields did pass
In spring time,
The only pretty ring time,
When birds do sing,
Ding a ding a ding;
Sweet lovers love in spring,
Ding a ding a ding.

This carol they began that hour,
With a hey, and a ho, and a hey nonino,
How that a life was but a flow'r,
In spring time,
The only pretty ring time,
When birds do sing,
Ding a ding a ding;
Sweet lovers love in spring,
Ding a ding a ding.

And therefore take the present time, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey nonino, For love is crowned with the prime, In spring time,
The only pretty ring time,
When birds do sing,
Ding a ding a ding;
Sweet lovers love in spring,
Ding a ding a ding.

As You Like It Act 5, Scene 3 William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

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