

William Shakespeare  
(1564-1616)

# It was a lover and his lass

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(1838-96)

*allegretto molto vivace*

Soprano *f* It was a lo-ver and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni -

Alto *f* It was a lo-ver and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni -

Tenor *f* It was a lo-ver and his lass, and a ho, no-ni -

Bass It was a lo-ver and his lass, With a hey, and a hey,

Piano *allegretto molto vivace*  
♩ = 60 *f*

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S no, with a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni - no, *mf* That o'er the green corn-field did

A no, with a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni - no, *mf* That o'er the green corn-field did

T no, with a hey, and a hey, *mf* That o'er the green corn-field did

B and a ho, no-ni - no, *mf* That o'er the green corn-field did

Piano *mf*

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S pass In spring- time, the on-ly pret-ty ring-time, When birds do

A pass In spring- time, the pret-ty spring- time, When birds do sing, when birds do

T pass In spring- time, the pret-ty spring - time, When birds do sing, when birds do

B pass In spring- time, the on-ly pret-ty ring-time, When birds do sing, Hey,

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S sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding,

A sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a

T sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a

B ding a ding a ding, ding a ding, ding a ding, ding a ding, ding a ding, hey,

S  
hey, ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the

A  
ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the

T  
ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the

B  
ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the

S  
Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *f* This ca-rol they be-gan that hour, With a hey, - and a

A  
Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *f* This ca-rol they be-gan that hour, With a hey, - and a

T  
Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *f* This ca-rol they be-gan that hour, and a

B  
Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *f* This ca-rol they be-gan that hour, With a hey,

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S ho, and a hey\_ no-ni - no, with a hey, \_ and a ho, and a hey\_ no-ni - no, *mf* How that a

A ho, and a hey\_ no-ni - no, with a hey, \_ and a ho, and a hey\_ no-ni - no, *mf* How that a

T ho, no-ni - no, with a hey, and a hey, *mf* How that a

B and a hey, and a ho, no-ni - no, *mf* How that a

*mf*

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S life was but a flower, In spring\_ time, the on-ly pret - ty ring - time,

A life was but a flower, In spring\_ time, the pret-ty spring\_ time, When birds do

T life was but a flower, In spring\_ time, the pret-ty spring - time, When birds do

B life was but a flower, In spring\_ time, the on-ly pret - ty ring - time, When

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S  
When birds do sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a

A  
sing, when birds do sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding,

T  
sing, when birds do sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a

B  
birds do sing, Hey, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding, ding a ding, ding a

S  
ding, hey,

A  
hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding,

T  
ding a ding, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, ding a

B  
ding, ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a

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S  
ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *ff* And there-fore

A  
Sweet lo-vers love the Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *ff* And there-fore

T  
ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *ff* And there-fore

B  
ding, ding a ding, Sweet lo-vers love the Spring, sweet lo-vers love the Spring. *ff* And there-fore

*ff*

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S  
take the pre-sent time, *mf* With a hey, \_ and a ho, and a hey \_ no-ni-no, with a hey, \_ and a *cresc.*

A  
take the pre-sent time, *mf* With a hey, \_ and a ho, and a hey \_ no-ni-no, with a hey, \_ and a *cresc.*

T  
take the pre-sent time, *mf* With a hey, \_\_\_\_\_ and a hey, with a hey, *cresc.*

B  
take \_ the \_ pre-sent time, *mf* and a ho, no-ni-no, and a *cresc.*

*mf* *cresc.*

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S ho, and a hey\_\_ no-ni - no, *f* For love is crown-ed with the prime, *p*In spring\_\_

A ho, and a hey\_\_ no-ni - no, *f* For love is crown-ed with the prime, *p*In spring\_\_

T and a hey, *f* For love is crown-ed with the prime, *p*In spring\_\_

B ho, no-no - no, *f* For love is crown-ed with the prime, *p*In spring\_\_

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S time, the on-ly pret-ty ring-time, spring-\_\_ time, the on-ly pret-ty ring - time, *f*ding a ding a

A time, the pret - ty ring-time, spring-\_\_ time, the pret - ty ring - time, *f*ding a ding a

T time, the pret - ty ring-time, spring - time, the pret - ty Spring, *f*ding a ding, Hey,

B time, the pret - ty ring-time, spring-\_\_ time, the ring - time, Ding a ding a ding, Hey,

S  
ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, *p* Sweet

A  
ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, *p* Sweet

T  
ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, ding, ding, *p* Sweet

B  
ding a ding a ding, hey, ding a ding a ding, ding, ding, ding a ding, *p* Sweet

*p*

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S  
*cresc.*  
lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo- vers love the Spring, *ff* sweet

A  
*cresc.*  
lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo- vers love the Spring, ding a ding, *ff* sweet

T  
*cresc.*  
lo- vers love the Spring, ding a ding, sweet lo- vers love the Spring, *ff* sweet

B  
*cresc.*  
lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo- vers love the Spring, *ff* sweet

*cresc.* *ff*



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S lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo- vers love the Spring. *rall.*

A lo- vers love the Spring, lo- vers love the Spring. *rall.*

T lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo - vers, sweet lo- vers love the Spring. *rall.*

T II *ff* lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo- vers love the Spring. *rall.*

B lo- vers love the Spring, sweet lo- vers love the Spring, the Spring. *rall.*

B II *ff* lo- vers love the Spring, love the Spring. *rall.*