

# It was a lover and his lass, (down a fifth)

Cantus

Thomas Morley

1. It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, with a ho, and a hey  
 2. Be-tween the a - cres of the Rye, With a hey, with a ho, and a hey  
 3. This Ca - rol they be - gan that hour, With a hey, with a ho, and a hey  
 4. And there - fore take the pre - sent time, With a hey, with a ho, and a hey

5 nonny no, and a hey nonny non - ny no, That o'er the green  
 nonny no, and a hey nonny non - ny no, These pret - ty Coun -  
 nonny no, and a hey nonny non - ny no, How that a life  
 nonny no, and a hey nonny non - ny no, For love is crown -

10 cornfields did pass, In springtime, in springtime, in springtime, the only pretty ringtime,  
 try folks would lie,  
 was but a Flower,  
 ed with the prime,

16 B When birds do sing Hey ding, adingading, hey ding-adingading, hey dingadingading,

20 Sweet lov - ers love the spring, in springtime, in springtime, the on - ly pret -

26 C ty ring - time, when birds do sing hey dingadingading, hey ding-a-dinga ding,

30 hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Sweet lov - ers love - the spring.

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Altus

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1. It was a lov - er and his lass, with a hey ho nonny no, nonny nonny no,  
 2. Be-tween the a - cres of the Rye, with a hey ho nonny no, nonny nonny no,  
 3. This Ca - rol they be-gan that hour, with a hey ho nonny no, nonny nonny no,  
 4. And there-fore take the pre - sent time, with a hey ho nonny no, nonny nonny no,

6 **A**  
 with a hey non - ny no, That o'er the green corn fields did pass, that o'er the green  
 with a hey non - ny no, These pret - ty Coun - try folks would lie, These pret - ty Country  
 with a hey non - ny no, How that a life was but a Flower, How that a life was  
 with a hey non - ny no, For love is crown - ed with the prime, For love is crowned

11 **B**  
 fields did pass, in springtime, the on - ly pretty ringtime, When birds do sing Hey  
 folks would lie,  
 but a Flower,  
 with the prime,

18  
 ding, adingading, hey dingadingading, Lov - ers love the spring, sweet lov - ers love

23 **C**  
 the spring, the spring, the on - ly pret - ty ringtime, when birds do

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 4. And there - fore take the pre - sent time, with a hey nonny non - ny no, with a hey

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 ho non - ny non - ny no, That o'er the green fields, the green cornfields did pass,  
 ho non - ny non - ny no, These pret - ty Coun - try, these coun - try folks would lie,  
 ho non - ny non - ny no, How that a life was, a life was but a Flower,  
 ho non - ny non - ny no, For love is crown - ed, is crown - ed with the prime,

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