

# 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,  
2. Be - tween the a - cres of the Rye, With a hey, with a ho,  
3. This Ca - rol they be - gan that hour, With a hey, with a ho,  
4. And there - fore take the pre - sent time, With a hey, with a ho,

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A  
and a hey non-ny no, and a hey non-ny non - ny no,  
and a hey non-ny no, and a hey non-ny non - ny no,  
and a hey non-ny no, and a hey non-ny non - ny no,  
and a hey non-ny no, and a hey non-ny non - ny no,

9  
That o'er the green corn-fields did pass, In spring-time, in spring-time,  
These pret - ty Coun - try folks would lie,  
How that a life was but a Flower,  
For love is crown - ed with the prime,

13  
B  
in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds do sing

17  
Hey ding, a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding,

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 ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a 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 non-ny no,  
2. Be - tween the a - cres of the Rye, with a hey ho non-ny no,  
3. This Ca - rol they be - gan that hour, with a hey ho non-ny no,  
4. And there - fore take the pre - sent time, with a hey ho non-ny no,

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

9 corn-fields did pass, that o'er the green fields did pass, in springtime,  
try folks would lie, These pret-ty Country folks would lie,  
was but a Flower, How that a life was but a Flower,  
ed with the prime, For love is crowned with the prime,

14 the on - ly pretty ring - time, When birds do sing Hey ding, a-ding-a-ding,

19 hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Lov-ers love the spring, sweet lov - ers love the spring,

24 the spring, the on - ly pret - ty ring-time, when birds do sing Hey

29 ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Lov - ers love - the spring.

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Bassus

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

A  
non-ny non - ny no, with a hey ho non - ny non - ny no,  
non-ny non - ny no, with a hey ho non - ny non - ny no,  
non-ny non - ny no, with a hey ho non - ny non - ny no,  
non-ny non - ny no, with a hey ho non - ny non - ny no,

8  
That o'er the green fields, the green corn - fields did pass,  
These pret - ty Coun - try, these coun - try folks would lie,  
How that a life was, a life was but a Flower,  
For love is crown - ed, is crown - ed with the prime,

11  
In spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly ring - time,

16  
B  
When birds do sing hey dingadiding, hey ding - a ding - a ding, Sweet lov - ers love

22  
the spring, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time,

27  
C  
when birds do sing Hey dingadiding, hey ding - a ding Sweet lovers love the spring.

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1. It was a lov-er and his lass, With a hey, with a ho, and a hey nonny no, and a hey

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non-ny non - ny no, That o'er the green corn-fields did pass,

with a hey non - ny no, That o'er the green corn - fields did pass, that o'er the green

ho non-ny non - ny no, That o'er the green fields, the green corn-fields did pass,

In spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time,

fields did pass, in spring - time, the on - ly pret-ty ring - time,

In spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly ring - time,

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

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

When birds do sing hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding - a - ding -

Sweet lov - ers love the spring, in spring - time, in spring -  
 Lov - ers love the spring, sweet lov - ers love the spring,  
 a - ding, Sweet lov - ers love the spring, in spring - time,  
 - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, when birds do sing hey ding-a-ding-a-ding,  
 the spring, the on - ly pret - ty ring-time, when birds do sing Hey  
 in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, when birds do sing Hey ding-a-  
 hey ding-a-ding-a ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Sweet lov - ers love - the spring.  
 ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Lov - ers love - the spring.  
 ding-a-ding, hey ding - a - ding Sweet lov - ers love - the spring.