



Who shall win my lady fair?

A Four-Part Song

founded upon an ancient ditty in the library of the British Museum

Robert Lucas Pearsall
(1795-1856)

Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856) was born at Clifton Hill, Bristol, into a wealthy Quaker family. His father was an army officer and amateur musician. He was privately educated and practiced as a barrister in Bristol. In 1825, after suffering a stroke, he took his family to live abroad. He sold the family estate in Willsbridge and, in 1842, bought the *Schloss Wartensee*, a ruined medieval keep near Rorschach in Switzerland and spent several years restoring it. He remained there until his death. Pearsall was an amateur composer and many of his compositions were not published until after his death. He is best remembered for his part-songs and madrigals but also wrote orchestral works, anthems, services, musical treatises, and edited a Catholic hymnal. He kept in touch with his home city of Bristol and wrote many pieces for the Bristol Madrigal Society. He also composed poetry, some of which he used for his madrigals, such as 'Why Do the Roses' and 'Why should the cuckoo's tuneful note'. The particle *de* often spelled in his name is a feature added after his death by his daughter Philippa.

Who shall win my lady fair?
When the leaves are green?
Who but I should win my lady fair,
When the leaves are green?
Say who, why so?
Not you, no, no.
The bravest man
That best love can
Shall win my lady fair.
Dandirly, dandirly, dandirly dan,
He shall marry her, he's the man.
He shall marry my lady,
When the leaves are green.

Who shall win my lady fair?

R. L. Pearsall

Allegretto

S *mf* Who shall win my la - dy fair, _____ When the leaves are green? *p* Who but

A _____ *mf* Who shall win my la - dy fair? _____

T _____ *mf* Who shall win my la - - - dy fair? *p* Who but

B _____ *mf* Who shall win my la - dy fair?

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S I, who but I, who but I _____ should win _____ my

A *p* Who but I, who but I, who but

T I, who but I, who but I should win my

B *p* Who but I, who but I, who but

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S la - dy fair, *p* when the leaves are green, _____

A I should win my la - dy fair, *p* when _____

T la - dy fair, *p* when the leaves, _____ the leaves are

B I should win my la - dy fair, *p* when the leaves are

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S when the leaves are green? _____ *f* who shall win my la - dy,

A _____ the leaves are green? _____ *f* who shall win my la - - - dy,

T green, _____ *cresc.* when the leaves are green? *f* who shall win my la - dy,

B green, _____ *cresc.* when the leaves are green? *f* who shall win my la - dy,

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S when the leaves are green? _____ *p* not you, _____ not you,

A when the leaves are green? _____ *p* Say who, _____ say who, _____ say *cresc.*

T when the leaves are green? _____ *p* Say who, _____ say who, _____ say *cresc.*

B when the leaves are green? _____ *p* Say who, _____ say who, _____ say *cresc.*

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19 *cresc.*

S not you, no, no, The bra - vest man that best love can _____

A who, why so? The bra - vest man that best love can _____

T who, why so? The bra - vest man that best love can _____

B who, why so? The bra - vest man that best love can _____

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S — Shall win my la - - - dy fair.

A — Shall win my la - - - dy fair.

T — Shall win, shall win my la - - - dy fair.

B — Shall win, shall win, shall win my la - dy fair.

28 *p*

S Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan, He shall mar - ry her,

A Dan - - - - dir - ly dan, He shall mar - ry her,

T Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan, He shall mar - ry her,

B Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan, He — shall mar - ry her,

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S he's the man; Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan,

A he's the man; Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan,

T he's the man; Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan,

B he's the man; Dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly, dan - dir - ly dan, he's the

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S When the leaves are green, when the leaves are

A When the leaves are green, when the leaves are

T When the leaves, the leaves are green,

B man, When the leaves are green,

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S green, He shall mar - ry my la - dy,

A green, He shall mar - ry my la - - - dy,

T when the leaves are green, He shall mar - ry my la - dy,

B when the leaves are green, He shall mar - ry my la - dy,

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40 *dim.*

S when the leaves are green, when leaves are

A when the leaves are green, when leaves are

T when the leaves are green, when leaves are

B when the leaves are green, when

43 *cresc.*

S green, when the leaves, the leaves are green.

A green, when the leaves are green.

T green, when the leaves, the leaves are green.

B leaves are green, when the leaves are green.

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