It Was A Lover And His Lass
Madrigal for mixed chorus SATB a cappella

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)
Thomas Morley (1557-1603)

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love is crowned, love is crowned - with a prime,
o'er the green corn field, the green corn field did pass, In spring-time, -

spring time, in spring time, the only pretty ring time, When birds do sing Hey

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sing Hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet

Hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet

Hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding, Sweet
Lovers love the spring in spring-time, in spring-time, the lovers love the spring, sweet lovers love the spring, spring-time, the lovers love the spring, sweet lovers love the spring, spring-time, the lovers love the spring, sweet lovers love the spring, spring-time, the lovers love the spring, sweet lovers love the spring, spring-time, the lovers love the spring.

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