

# 'It Was A Lover And His Lass'

Words by W. Shakespeare

Music by John Whittaker 2018

(To be sung lightly with rhythm)

**A** At a steady tempo  $\text{♩} = 128$

SOPRANO  
ALTO  
TENOR  
BASS

5  
with a hey, and a ho, and a hey - non - i - no. That o'er the green corn-  
It was a lov - er and his lass, with a hey, and a ho, and a hey - non - i - no. That o'er the green corn-  
with a hey, and a ho, and a hey - non - i - no. That o'er the green corn-  
That o'er the green corn-

**B**

10  
field did pass in spring - time, in the spring - time, the on - ly pretty ring time. When birds do sing, hey  
field did pass in spring - time, in the spring - time. When birds do sing, hey  
field did pass in spring - time, in the spring - time. When birds do sing, hey  
field did pass in spring - time, in the spring - time. When birds do sing, hey

**C**

15  
ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love the spring.  
ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love the - spring.  
ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love the spring. Be - tween the ac - res  
ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love the spring.

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with a hey, and a ho, and a hey - non-i - no.  
in spring - time, in the  
with a hey, and a ho, and a hey - non-i - no.  
in spring - time, in the  
of the rye. - - and a hey - non-i - no.  
in spring - time, in the  
and a hey - non-i - o, These pre - tty coun - try folks would lie.

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**D**

30

spring - time. When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love,  
spring - time, the on - ly pretty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love,  
spring - time, the on - ly pretty ring time, \_\_\_\_\_ hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet  
— When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet

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**E**

Sweet lov - ers love the spring. \_\_\_\_\_ This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,  
Sweet lov - ers love the - spring. \_\_\_\_\_ This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,  
lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love the spring. With a  
lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love the spring.

40

And a ho, And a hey, non-i - no How that a life was but a flower, In spring - time, in the spring - time, the

And a ho, and a hey non-i-no. How that a life was but a flower, In spring - time, in the spring - time.

hey, How that a life was but a flower, In spring - time, in the spring - time, the

And a hey, non-i -no. How that a life was but a flow-er, In spring -time, spring - time.

**F** 45

on - ly pre - tty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love \_\_\_\_

When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love \_\_\_\_

8 on - ly pre - tty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet \_\_\_\_

When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet \_\_\_\_

50 (Rall...) , G Slightly Slower... 55 Rall...

## Slower Still.....

mf 60 A Tempo Primo

hey non i - no. For love is crown - ed with the prime In spring - time, in the  
 hey - non - i - no. For love is crown - ed with the prime In spring - time, in the  
 hey - non - i - no. For love is crown - ed with the prime In spring - time, in the  
 hey non - i - no. For love is crown - ed with the prime In spring - time, in the

**H**

65

spring - time. The on - ly pre - tty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet  
 spring - time. The on - ly pre - tty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding; Sweet  
 spring - time. The on - ly pre - tty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding;  
 spring - time. The on - ly pre - tty ring time, When birds do sing, hey ding a ding a ding;

## Slight Rall...

## Cresc. and Rall to end....

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lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lo - vers love the spring.  
 lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lo - vers love the spring.  
 Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lo - vers love the spring.  
 Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lov - ers love, Sweet lo - vers love the spring.