

# It was a lover and his lass

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Soprano I

1. It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, with a ho, and a  
 2. Be - tween the ac - res of the rye,  
 3. This ca - rol they be - gan that hour,  
 4. Then, pret - ty lo - vers take the time,

Soprano II

1. It was a lov - er \_\_\_\_\_ and his lass, with a hey  
 2. Be - tween the ac - res \_\_\_\_\_ of the rye,  
 3. This ca - rol they be - \_\_\_\_\_ gan that hour,  
 4. Then, pret - ty lo - vers \_\_\_\_\_ take the time,

Tenor

8 1. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ lov - er and his lass, with a hey non-ny  
 2. Be - tween the \_\_\_\_\_ ac - res of the rye,  
 3. This ca - rol \_\_\_\_\_ they be - gan that hour,  
 4. Then, pret - ty \_\_\_\_\_ lo - vers take the time,

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5  
 hey non-ny no, and a hey \_\_\_\_\_ non-ny non - ny

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8  
 ho, non-ny no, non ny non-ny no, with a hey non - ny  
 non - ny no, \_\_\_\_\_ with a hey ho non - ny non - ny

S

10  
 no, That o'er the green corn - fields did pass, In  
 These pret - ty coun - try fools did lie,  
 How \_\_\_\_\_ that life was but a flow'r,  
 For love is crown - ed with the prime,

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8  
 no, That o'er the green fields, the green corn - fields did pass, In

S  
 spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty  
 did pass,  
 did lie,  
 a flow'r,  
 the prime  
 in spring - time, the on - ly pret-ty ring-

T  
 8 spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly

15  
 S  
 ring - time, When birds do sing Hey ding, a - ding - a - ding, hey  
 \_\_\_\_\_ time, When birds do \_\_\_\_\_ sing Hey ding, a -

T  
 8 ring - time, When birds do \_\_\_\_\_ sing hey ding - a - ding - a -

S  
 ding - a - ding - a - ding, hey ding - a - ding - a - ding, Sweet lov - ers love the  
 ding - a - ding, hey ding - a - ding - a - ding, lov- \_\_\_\_\_ ers love the

T  
 8 ding, hey ding- \_\_\_\_\_ a - ding - a - ding, Sweet lov -

S  
 spring, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on -

T  
 8 spring, sweet lov - ers love the spring, the spring, the on -

T  
 8 ers love the spring, in spring - time, in spring - time, the

S  
 25 ly pret - ty ring - time, when birds do sing hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey

T  
 8 ly pret - ty ring-time, when birds do sing Hey ding-a -

T  
 8 on - ly pret - ty ring - time, when birds do sing Hey ding-a-ding-a -

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

T  
 8 ding - a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, lov - ers love the spring.

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