

William Shakespeare  
(1564-1616)

# It was a lover and his lass

George Alexander Macfarren  
(1813-87)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Accomp.

*allegretto* ♩ = 50

**f** Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no-ni - no, **pp** Hey ho, hey no-ni - no,

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**f** **pp**

S

A

T

B

Accomp.

**p** It was a lo-ver and\_ his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a

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hey ho hey no-ni - no, **mf** Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho

hey ho hey no-ni - no, **mf** Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho

**p** **mf**

S 25 *cresc.* 30  
 hey no-ni no, That o'er the green corn-fields did pass *f* In spring time

A *cresc.*  
 hey no-ni no-ni, no-ni-no, That o'er the green corn-fields did pass *f* In spring time

T *cresc.*  
 hey no-ni - no, *p* Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, *f* In

B *cresc.*  
 hey no-ni - no, *p* Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, *f* In

S 35 *cresc.*  
 The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing, Ding a ding a ding,

A  
 The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing,

T  
 spring time, The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing,

B  
 spring time, The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing, *f* Ding a ding a

40

S  
ding, ding, ding, ding, ding a ding a ding a

A  
*f* Ding a ding a ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding, ding a

T  
*f* Ding a ding a ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a

B  
ding, ding, ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding,

45

S  
ding a ding a ding ding, Sweet lo\_\_ vers love\_\_ the spring: Sweet

A  
ding a ding a ding ding, Sweet lo - vers love the spring: Sweet

T  
ding a ding a ding ding, Sweet lo\_\_ vers love\_\_ the spring: Sweet

B  
ding a ding a ding ding, Sweet lo\_\_ vers love\_\_ the spring: Sweet

50 55

S lo - vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring, *mf* ding, ding ding a ding.

A lo - vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring, *mf* ding, ding ding a ding.

T lo - vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring, *mf* ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding.

B lo - vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring, *mf* ding, ding ding a ding.

*mf*

60 65

S *mf* Be - tween\_ the a - cres of\_ the

A *mf* Be - tween the a - cres of\_ the

T *f* Hey ho, hey no - ni - no, hey ho hey no - ni - no, *mf* Hey ho, hey no - ni -

B *f* Hey ho, hey no - ni - no, hey ho hey no - ni - no, *mf* Hey ho, hey no - ni -

*f* *mf*

70

S rye, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni no, *p* These pret-ty coun-try *cresc.*

A rye, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni no-ni, no-ni-no, *p* These pret - ty coun-try *cresc.*

T no, hey ho hey no-ni - no, *p* Hey ho, *cresc.*

B no, hey ho hey no-ni - no, *p* Hey ho, *cresc.*

75

80

S folks\_ would lie *f* In\_ spring time *p* The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When

A folks\_ would lie *f* In\_ spring time *p* The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When

T hey no - ni - no, *f* In\_ spring time, *p* The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When

B hey no - ni - no, *f* In\_ spring time, *p* The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When

85

*cresc.*

S birds\_ do sing, Ding a ding a ding, ding, ding,

A birds do sing, *f* Ding a ding a

T birds do sing, *f* Ding a ding a ding,

B birds\_ do sing, *f* Ding a ding a ding, ding,

*cresc.*

*f*

*f*

90

S ding, ding, ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a *f*ding ding, *pp* Sweet

A ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a ding a *f*ding ding, *pp* Sweet

T ding a ding a ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding a ding a *f*ding ding, *pp* Sweet

B ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a *f*ding ding, *pp* Sweet

*f*

*pp*

95 *cresc.* 100

S lo- vers love\_ the spring: Sweet lo- vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring,

A lo - vers love the spring: Sweet lo - vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring,

T lo- vers love\_ the spring: Sweet lo- vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring, *mf* ding a ding a

B lo- vers love\_ the spring: Sweet lo- vers love \_\_\_\_\_ the spring,

*cresc.* *mf*

105 110

S *mf* ding, ding ding a ding.

A *mf* ding, ding ding a ding.

T ding, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding. *pp* Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no-ni -

B *mf* ding, ding ding a ding. *pp* Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no-ni -

*mf* *pp*

115

S *mf* This ca - rol they be - gan that hour, With a hey and a ho, and a hey no-ni, no-ni

A *mf* This ca - rol they be - gan that hour, With a hey and a ho, and a hey no - ni -

T no, Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no - ni -

B no, Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no - ni -

120

125

S *cresc.* no-ni no-ni-no, How that a life was but a flower, *mf* In spring time,

A *cresc.* no, How that a life was but a flower, *mf* In spring time,

T no, Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, *mf* In spring

B no, Hey ho, hey no-ni - no, *mf* In spring



130

S The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing, ding a ding a ding, *cresc.*

A The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing,

T time, The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing, ding a ding a *cresc.*

B time, The on-ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing,

135

S ding, ding, ding, ding, ding a ding a ding a

A *cresc.* ding a ding a ding, ding, ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a

T ding, ding, ding a ding a ding, ding, ding

B *cresc.* ding a ding a ding, ding, ding ding

140 145 *cresc.*

S ding a ding a ding *mf* ding. *pp* Sweet lo- vers love\_ the spring, Sweet lo- vers love

A ding a ding a ding *mf* ding. *pp* Sweet lo- vers love\_ the spring, Sweet lo- vers love\_

T a ding a ding *mf* ding. *pp* Sweet lo- vers love\_ the spring, Sweet lo- vers love

B a ding a ding *mf* ding. *pp* Sweet lo- vers love\_ the spring, Sweet lo- vers love

*mf pp cresc.*

150

S the spring, *pp* ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding.

A the spring, *pp* ding, ding, ding a ding.

T the spring, *pp* ding, ding, ding a ding. *f* Hey ho,

B the spring, *pp* ding, ding, ding a ding. *f* Hey ho,

*pp f*

155 160

S *f*And there- fore take the pre- sent

A *f*And there- fore take the pre- sent

T 8 hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no-ni - no, Hey ho, hey no-ni -

B 8 hey no-ni - no, hey ho hey no-ni - no, Hey ho, hey no-ni -

165 170

S time, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no - ni - no, For love is crown- ed

A time, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni, no-ni - no-ni-no, For love is crown- ed

T 8 no, hey ho hey no - ni - no, hey ho,

B 8 no, hey ho hey no - ni - no, hey ho,



185

S  
ding, ding, ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a *f* ding ding, *pp* Sweet

A  
ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a ding a *f* ding ding, *pp* Sweet

T  
ding a ding a ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding a ding a *f* ding ding, *pp* Sweet

B  
ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a ding, \_\_\_\_\_ ding a ding a *f* ding ding, *pp* Sweet

*f* *pp*

190

195 *cresc.* *dim.*

S  
lo\_ vers love\_ the spring; Sweet lo\_ vers love \_\_\_\_\_ *p* the

A  
lo - vers love the spring; Sweet lo - vers love \_\_\_\_\_ *p* the

T  
lo\_ vers love\_ the spring; Sweet lo\_ vers love \_\_\_\_\_ *p* the

B  
lo\_ vers love\_ the spring; Sweet lo\_ vers love \_\_\_\_\_ *p* the

*cresc.* *dim.* *p*

200

S  
spring, \_\_\_\_\_ Ding, ding, ding,

A  
spring, \_\_\_\_\_ Ding, ding, ding,

T  
8  
spring, \_\_\_\_\_ Ding, ding, ding,

B  
spring, Ding a ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a, ding a ding a ding a ding a

205

S  
ding, ding, *f*ding, ding, ding a ding.

A  
ding, ding, *f*ding, ding, ding a ding.

T  
8  
ding, ding, *f*ding a ding a ding, ding a ding a ding, ding a ding.

B  
ding a ding a ding a ding, *f*ding, ding, ding a ding.