

It was a lover and his lass

Thomas Morley (1600)

Soprano

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

Mezzo-soprano

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Alto

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S. ³
 hey, and a ho, and a hey - non-ny no, and a hey - non-ny non - ny

Mzs.
 lass, With a hey - ho non-ny no, non-ny non-ny no, With a hey non - ny -

A.
 lass, With a hey non-ny non - ny no - with a hey ho non - ny non - ny

S. ⁷
 no, That o'er the green corn - fields did pass, in spring - time, in
 These pret - ty coun - try fools would lie,
 How that a life was but a flow'r,
 For love is crow - ned with the prime,

Mzs.
 no, That o'er the green corn - fields did pass, that o'er the green fields did pass,
 These pret - ty coun - try fools would lie, these pret - ty coun - try fools would lie,
 How that a life was but a flow'r, how that a life was but a flow'r,
 For love is crow - ned with the prime, for love is crowned with the prime,

A.
 no, That o'er the green fields, the green corn - fields did pass, In spring - time,
 These pret - ty coun - try fools would lie, these fools would lie,
 How that a life was but a flow'r, but a flow'r,
 For love is crow - ned, is crow - ned with the prime,

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S. spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds do sing, hey

Mzs. in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds do

A. in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly ring - time, When birds do

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

Mzs. sing, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Lov - ers love the

A. sing, Hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding - a - ding - a - ding, Sweet lov -

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

Mzs. spring, sweet lov - ers love the spring, the spring, the on -

A. ers love the spring, in spring - time, in spring - time, the -

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S. ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds do sing, Hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey

Mzs. ly pret - ty - ring - time, When birds do sing, Hey ding-a -

A. on - ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds do sing, Hey ding-a-ding-a -

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

Mzs. ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, lov - ers love the spring.

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