

IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASS

Thomas Morley

(1557-1603)

From his 'First Book of Ayres or little short songs,
to sing and play to the lute with the base viole' (1600).

Song from *As You Like It*
by William Shakespeare
(text modernised).

Arranged as a Madrigal
for 4 voices SATB
by Robin Doveton

(Allegro scherzando)

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hey no - ni - no, and a hey — no - ni no - ni - no,
— and a ho, and a hey no - ni no - ni, hey no - ni - no, hey
— and a ho, and a hey no - ni no - ni no - ni - no, hey
ho, and a hey — no - ni - no, hey no - ni no - ni - no, hey

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That o'er the green corn - field did pass.
 These pret - ty coun - try fools would lie,
 How that a life was but a flow'r
 For love is crow - néd with the prime

In spring time, in
 no - ni, no - ni - no,

no - ni no - ni - no,

no - ni no - ni - no

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vv. 1, 2, 3 *f*
v. 4 *p*

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

vv. 1, 2, 3 *f*
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In spring, in spring, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do

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vv. 1, 2, 3 *p*
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ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo - vers love the spring. In spring
sing, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lovers love the spring.
hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding ding, Sweet lo - vers love the spring. In spring
sing, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo - vers love the spring. In spring

vv. 1, 2, 3 *p*
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time, in spring time, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing, hey
vv. 1, 2, 3 *p*
v. 4 *f*

In spring time, in spring, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do
time, spring time, in spring, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing,
time, in spring time, in spring time, the on - ly pret - ty, pret - ty ring time, When birds do

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ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, hey ding a ding a ding, Sweet lo - vers love the spring.
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