

# IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASSE

William Shakespeare  
*As you like it* (Act V, Scene iii)

Thomas Morley  
 (arranged from tablature)

Soprano

1. It was a lo - ver and his lasse, With a hay, with a ho and a  
 2. Be - tween the A - kers of the rie,  
 3. This Car - rell they be - gan that houre,  
 4. Then pret - tie lo - vers take the time,

Alto

1. It was a lo - ver and his lasse, With a hay, with a ho, hay  
 2. Be - tween the A - kers of the rie,  
 3. This Car - rell they be - gan that houre,  
 4. Then pret - tie lo - vers take the time,

Tenor

1. It was a lo - ver and his lasse, With a hay, and a ho,  
 2. Be - tween the A - kers of the rie,  
 3. This Car - rell they be - gan that houre,  
 4. Then pret - tie lo - vers take the time,

Bass

1. It was a lo - ver and his lasse, With a hay, and a  
 2. Be - tween the A - kers of the rie,  
 3. This Car - rell they be - gan that houre,  
 4. Then pret - tie lo - vers take the time,

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hay no - nie no, and a hay no - nie no - nie  
 — no - nie no, with a hay no - nie no - nie no - nie  
 — and a hay no - nie no, and a hay no - nie no - nie  
 ho and a hay no - nie no, hay no - nie no - nie

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no, That o're the green come fields did passe In  
 no, These pret - ty Coun - trie fooles would lie, In  
 no, How that a life was but a flower, In  
 no, For love is crow - ned with the prime, In

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spring time, in spring time, in spring time, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When  
 time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret-ty ring time,  
 spring time, in spring time, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When  
 spring time, in spring time, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When

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Birds doo sing, hay ding a ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding, Sweete

When birds doo sing, hay ding a ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding, Sweete

Birds doo sing, hay ding a ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding ding a ding, Sweete

Birds doo sing, hay ding a ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding, Sweete

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lo - vers love the spring. In spring time, in spring time, the on -

lo-ers love the spring. In spring time, in spring time in spring, the on -

lo - vers love the spring. In spring time, in spring time, in spring, the on -

lo - vers love the spring. In spring time, in spring time, in spring, the on -

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ly pret - ty ring time, When Birds doe sing, hay ding a ding a ding, hay

ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds doe sing, hay ding a

ly pret - ty ring - time, When Birds doe sing, hay ding a ding a ding,

-ly pret - ty ring time, When Birds doe sing, hay ding a ding a

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ding a ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding, Sweete lo - vers love the spring.

ding a ding, hay ding a ding a ding, Sweete lo - vers love the spring.

hay ding a ding a ding ding a ding, Sweete lo - vers love the spring.

ding, hay ding a ding, Sweete lo - vers love the spring.