

# IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASS

William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

Thomas Morley (1557–1602)

1. It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, with a ho, and a hey non-ny

2. Be - tween the a - cres of the Rye,

3. This Ca - rol they be - gan that hour,

4. And there - fore take the pres - ent time,

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4. And there - fore take the pres - ent time,

no, and a hey — non-ny non-ny no, That o'er the green corn-

These pret - ty Coun - try

How that a life was

For love is crown - ed

non-ny no, with a hey non - ny no, That o'er the green corn - fields did pass, that

These pret - ty Coun - try folks would lie, these

How that a life was but a Flow'r, how

For love is crown - ed with the prime, for

— with a hey ho non - ny non-ny no, That o'er the green fields, the green corn-

These pret - ty Coun - try, these Coun - try

How that a life was, a life was

For love is crown - ed, is crown - ed

10/ fields did pass, In spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring-time, When  
folks would lie,  
but a Flow'r,  
with the prime,

o'er the green cornfields did pass, In spring - time, the on - ly pretty ring - time, When  
pret - ty Coun - try folks would lie,  
that a life was but a Flow'r,  
love is crown-ed with the prime,

fields did pass, In spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly ring-time, When  
folks would lie,  
but a Flow'r,  
with the prime,

16/ birds do sing Hey dingadingading, hey dingadingading, hey dingadingading, Sweet lov - ers love the

birds do sing Hey dinga-dingading, hey dingadingading, lov - ers love the

birds do sing Hey dingadinga-ding, hey ding - a - ding - a - ding, Sweet lov -

21/ spring, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, when

spring, sweet lov - ers love the spring, the spring, the on - ly pret - ty ring-time, when

ers love the spring, in spring - time, in spring - time, the on - ly pret - ty ring - time, when

27/ birds do sing hey dingadingading, hey dingadingading, hey dingadingading, Sweet lov - ers love the spring.

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