

1. It was a Lover and his Lass

4 Old English Lyrics

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With quiet but elastic movement

Voice *mf*
It was a lov - er

Piano *mf* *f* *mf*

4 *mf*
and his lass With a hey and a ho and a hey no - ni - no That

7 *Lightly and rather quicker*
o'er the green corn - field did pass In the Spring - time the

10

on - ly pret - ty ring - time _____ When the birds do sing hey

14

ding - a - ding ding, Sweet lo - vers love the

18

Spring _____ Be - tween the a - cres of the

21

rye _____ With a hey and a ho and a hey no - ni - no These

24

pret - ty coun - try folk would lie _____ In the

27

Spring - - time the on - - ly pret - ty ring - time _____ When

poco rit. *a tempo*

30

birds _____ do _____ sing _____ hey ding - a - ding

33

ding _____ Sweet lo - vers love the spring.

accel. *f.*

37

rall. *dim.* *p*

hey no - ni - no hey no - ni - no hey no - ni - no

41

pp *a tempo* *f*

And there - fore take the pre - sent time With a hey and a ho and a

45

hey no - ni - no; For love is crown - ed with the prime In the

Lightly and rather quicker

48

f

spring - time the on - ly pret - ty ring time When the birds do

52

sing hey ding - a - ding ding Sweet

f

dim. e rall.

55

lo - - vers love the Spring

dim. e rall. *molto*

58

Hey no - ni - no hey no - ni - no hey no - ni - no

a tempo *molto tranquillo* *poco rit.* *mf*

61

hey no - ni - no.

acc. f. molto *rall. molto*