

It Was a Lover and His Lass

words from *As You Like It*,
William Shakespeare

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[Lively]

1. It was a lov - er and his lass,
2. Be - tween the a - cres of the rye,
3. This car - ol they be - gan that hour,
4. Then, pret - ty lov - ers, take the time, } With a hey, and a ho, and a

hey non - ie no, and a hey _____ non - ie non - ie no,

That o'er the green corn - field did pass
These pret - ty coun - try fools did lie
How that life was but a flow'r In spring - time, in
For love is crown - ed with the prime }

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

* The editors' optional melodic ornamentation is for verse 2, 3 or 4. The singer may choose to sing selected verses.

birds do sing, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, hey ding-a-ding-a-ding, Sweet lov - ers love the

spring! In spring - time, in spring - time, The on - ly

pret - ty ring - time, When birds do sing, hey ding - a - ding - a - ding, hey

ding - a - ding - a - ding, hey ding - a - ding - a - ding, Sweet lov - ers love the spring. 2. Be - spring.
3. This 4. Then,