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Op. 23. N° 3.

**Allegretto moderato (♩ = 74)**

Piano.

Soprano. *mp*

It was a lov-er and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, And a

Tenor. *mp*

It was a lov-er and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, And a

hey no-ni -no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass, In the spring time,

hey no-ni -no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass, In the spring time,

*p dolce.*

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

birds do sing, hey ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding,  
 birds \_\_\_\_\_ do sing, \_\_\_\_\_

*p*

*Red.* \* \* \*

ding a ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love\_ the spring. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sweet lov - ers love the spring. \_\_\_\_\_

*espress.*

*leggiero.*

*mp*

*Red.* \*

*mf*

Be - tween the a - cres

*mp*

Be - tween the a - cres

*Cantabile.*

*mf*

of the rye, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni-no, These

of the rye, With a hey, and a ho, and a hey no-ni-no, These

*poco ten. a tempo.*

pret - ty coun - try folks would lie, In the spring - time,

*poco ten. a tempo.*

pret - ty coun - try folks would lie, In the spring - time,

*poco ten. a tempo.*

mp

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

birds do sing hey ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding,  
 When birds do sing, ding,

ding a ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the  
 ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the

**Text:**

It was a Lover and his Lass.

**Performance Instructions:**

- First Stave:** The vocal line consists of two measures. The first measure has lyrics "the on - ly pret - ty ring time," with a dynamic marking "mp" at the end. The second measure has lyrics "When".
- Second Stave:** The vocal line continues with "the on - ly pret - ty ring time," followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of eighth-note chords.
- Third Stave:** The vocal line begins with "birds do sing hey ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding," with a dynamic marking "pp" at the start of the first line. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords.
- Fourth Stave:** The vocal line continues with "When birds do sing, ding," followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of eighth-note chords.
- Fifth Stave:** The vocal line begins with "ding a ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the," with a dynamic marking "mp" at the start of the first line. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords.
- Sixth Stave:** The vocal line continues with "ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the," followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of eighth-note chords.
- Seventh Stave:** The vocal line begins with "ding a ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the," followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of eighth-note chords.
- Eighth Stave:** The vocal line continues with "ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the," followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of eighth-note chords.

poco rit.      mp

spring.

spring.

*poco rit.*

*mp*

*a tempo, ma poco più tranquillo.*

car - ol they be - gan that hour, With a

*p*

*a tempo, ma poco più tranquillo.*

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

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

*mf espress.e poco riten.* - *a temp.*

How that life was but a flow'r In  
*mp espress.e poco riten.* - *a tempo.*

How that life was but a flow'r

*mp espress.e poco riten.* - *a tempo.*

spring - time, in spring - time, the

In spring, in spring - time, the

on - ly pret - ty ring time, When

on - ly pret - ty ring time, When

*rit.* - *mp a tempo.*

*rit.* - *p a tempo.*

*poco rit.*

*a tempo.*

birds do sing, hey ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding,  
 birds do sing, hey ding, ding, ding,  
 \*  
*pochiss. rit. espress.*      *mp a tempo.*  
 ding a ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers, sweet lov - ers love the  
*pochiss. rit. espress.*      *p a tempo.*  
 ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers, sweet lov - ers love the  
*pochiss. rit.*      *p a tempo.*  
 \*  
 spring ————— *pochiss. rit. - mf -* ————— And  
 spring. ————— *pochiss. rit. - mf -* ————— And  
*pochiss. rit.* —————

*a tempo primo.*

there - fore take the pres - ent time, With a hey, and a ho, And a  
*a tempo primo.*

*Cantabile*

*mf*

*Rit.*

hey no - ni - no, For love is crown - éd with the prime, In the  
*poco riten.*      *a tempo.*

hey no - ni - no, For love is crown - éd with the prime, In the  
*poco riten.*      *a tempo.*

spring - time, The on - ly pret - ty ring  
*poco riten.*      *a tempo.*

spring-time, The on - - - - - ly ring --

*mp*

*mp*

time, When birds do sing, hey  
*pp leggiero.*

time, When birds do

*p*

ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding,  
 sing, ding a ding, ding, ding a ding,

*ritard* - *poco ten.* *p* - an - do.  
 ding a ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the spring.

*ritard* - *poco ten.* *pp* - an - do.  
 ding, ding, ding; Sweet lov - ers love the spring.

*poco ten.* *s* *pp*

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Blow, blow, thou Winter Wind	C, E $\flat$ and E	My Life's Delight	E and G
By a Fountainside	B $\flat$ and C $\sharp$ (minor)	Night Piece (The)	A and D $\flat$
Cuckoo Song	B and D	Now sleeps the Crimson Petal	D, E $\flat$ , F and G $\flat$
Daybreak	E $\flat$ and F $\sharp$ (minor)	Old Carol (An)	D and G $\flat$
Dream Valley	D, F and G $\flat$	O Mistress Mine	E $\flat$ , G $\flat$ and G
Drink to me only with thine eyes	E $\flat$ , F and G $\flat$	Orpheus with his Lute	C and E $\flat$
Fair House of Joy	A $\flat$ , B $\flat$ and D $\flat$	Over the Mountains	G and A
Fill a glass with golden wine	C, D $\flat$ , E $\flat$ and E	Song of the Blackbird	B $\flat$ and C
Fuchsia Tree (The)	A, B and C $\sharp$ (minor)	Song of the Stream	D and E
I arise from dreams of Thee	C and E $\flat$ (minor)	Three Poor Mariners	E $\flat$ and G
In the bud of the morning-O	D and F	To Daisies	B $\flat$ and D $\flat$
It was a Lover and His Lass	E and A $\flat$	Weep you no more	D and F (minor)
Jealous Lover	C, D and F	When icicles hang by the Wall	C and E $\flat$
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Low or High voice

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