

To WALTER CREIGHTON.

It was a Lover and his Lass.

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Allegretto moderato. (♩ = 74) *mp*

Voice. It

Piano. L.H.

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, the on-ly

Originally written as a duet for Soprano and Alto in G Major.

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dolce.

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

ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding; Sweet

leggiero.

lov-ers love the spring Be -

espress.

mf

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

mf *Cantabile.*

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

mp

birds do sing, hey ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding, Sweet

mp

* Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

poco più tranquillo.

lov - ers love the spring - This

mf

poco più tranquillo.

poco rit.

ca - rol they be - gan that hour, With a hey, and a ho, and a

a tempo, ma poco più tranquillo

p

hey no-ni-no, How that life was but a flow'r In spring time, in

mp espress. poco riten. *a tempo.*

mp espress. poco riten. *a tempo.*

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

poco rit. *p a tempo.*

poco rit. *a tempo p*

Red. *

ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding, ding a ding, ding. Sweet lovers, sweet

pochiss riten. *espress. a tempo. mp*

pochiss riten. *mp a tempo*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

lov-ers love the spring. _____ And

pochiss. rit. *mf*

pochiss. rit.

a tempo primo.

there-fore take the pre-sent time, With a hey, and a ho, and a
a tempo primo.

mf cantabile.

poco riten. *mp a tempo.*

hey no-ni-no, For love is crown-éd with the prime In the spring - time,

poco riten. a tempo. mp

mp

the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When

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

mp

ritard - *poco ten.* - an - do

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

poco ten.

ritard - an - do *mp*