



**It was a lover
and his lass**

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(1852-1929)**

Josiah Booth (1852-1929) was born in Coventry, England, and studied at the Royal Academy of Music under Sir George A. Macfarren. He was organist of the Wesleyan Chapel, Banbury (1868-76), and the Park Congregational Church, Crouch End, London (1877-1918). He was musical editor for the 1888 Congregational Hymnal and musical consultant to the committee that compiled Congregational Hymnal in 1916. He was elected to the Royal Academy of Music in 1904.

As You Like It
Act 5, Scene 3
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

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Allegro non troppo $\text{♩} = 96$

S *p* It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a
A *p* It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a
T *p* It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a
B *p* It was a lov - er and his lass, With a hey, and a ho, and a

4 *dim.* hey, no - ni - no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass, In the
A *dim.* hey, no - ni - no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass, In the
T *dim.* hey, no - ni - no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass, In the
B *dim.* hey, no - ni - no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass, In the

7 *p* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty
A *p* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty
T *p* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty
B *p* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

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S ring _____ time, Hey, — ding a ding a ding,

A ring _____ time, Hey, ding a ding,

T ring _____ time, When the birds do sing, when the

B ring time, When the birds do sing, when the

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S hey, — ding a ding a ding, ding a

A hey, ding a ding a ding, Hey, ding, ding a

T birds do sing, Hey, — ding a ding a ding a ding a

B birds do sing, Hey, ding, ding a ding a

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S ding a ding a ding, — Sweet — lov - ers love the Spring.

A ding a ding a ding, — Sweet — lov - ers — love the Spring.

T ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers — love — the — Spring.

B ding a ding a ding, — Sweet — lov - ers love the Spring.

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S *mf* Be - tween the a - cres of the rye, *pp* With a hey, and a ho, and a

A *mf* Be - tween the a - cres of the rye, *pp* With a hey, and a ho, and a

T *mf* Be - tween the a - cres of the rye, *pp* With a hey, and a ho, and a

B *mf* Be - tween the a - cres of the rye, *pp* With a hey, and a ho, and a

22 S *mf* hey no - ni - no, These pret - ty count - ry folks would lie, *p* In the

A *mf* hey no - ni - no, These pret - ty count - ry folks would lie, *p* In the

T *mf* hey no - ni - no, These pret - ty count - ry folks would lie, *p* In the

B *mf* hey no - ni - no, These pret - ty count - ry folks would lie, *p* In the

25 S *mf* spring time, in the spring time, *p* in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

A *mf* spring time, in the spring time, *p* in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

T *mf* spring time, in the spring time, *p* in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

B *mf* spring time, in the spring time, *p* in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

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S ring _____ time, Hey, — ding a ding a ding,

A ring _____ time, Hey, ding a ding,

T ring _____ time, *p* When the birds do sing, *mp* when the

B ring time, *p* When the birds do sing, *mp* when the

31

S *mp* hey, — ding a ding a ding, *mf* ding a

A *mp* hey, ding a ding a ding, *mf* Hey, ding, ding a

T birds do sing, *f* Hey, — ding a ding a ding a ding a

B birds do sing, *f* Hey, ding, ding a ding a

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S ding a ding a ding, — Sweet — lov - ers love the Spring.

A ding a ding a ding, — Sweet — lov - ers — love the Spring.

T ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers — love — the — Spring.

B ding a ding a ding, — Sweet — lov - ers love the Spring.

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Più lento *Tempo 1*

37 *p* This ca - rol they be - gan that hour, *mf* With a hey, and a ho, and a

A *p* This ca - rol they be - gan that hour, *mf* With a hey, and a ho, and a

T *p* This ca - rol they be - gan that hour, *mf* With a hey, and a ho, and a

B *p* This ca - rol they be - gan that hour, *mf* With a hey, and a ho, and a

Più lento *Tempo 1*

41 hey no - ni - no, How that this life was but a flow'r, In the

A hey no - ni - no, How that this life was but a flow'r, In the

T hey no - ni - no, How that this life was but a flow'r, In the

B hey no - ni - no, How that this life was but a flow'r, In the

cresc.

44 spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

A *cresc.* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

T *cresc.* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

B *cresc.* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty

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S ring time, When the birds do sing, when the

A ring time, When the birds do sing, when the

T ring time, Hey, — ding a ding a ding,

B ring time, Hey, ding a ding a ding,

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S birds do sing, Hey, — ding a ding a ding a ding a

A birds do sing, Hey, — ding a ding a ding a ding a

T hey, — ding a ding a ding,

B hey, ding a ding a ding, Hey, ding a

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S ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

A ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

T Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

B ding a ding a ding, — Sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

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S *f* And there - fore take the pre - sent time, With a hey, and a ho, and a

A *f* And there - fore take the pre - sent time, With a hey, and a ho, and a

T *f* And there - fore take the pre - sent time, With a hey, and a ho, and a

B *f* And there - fore take the pre - sent time, With a hey, and a ho, and a

59 S hey no - ni - no, For love is crown - ed with the prime, In the *ff*

A hey no - ni - no, For love is crown - ed with the prime, In the *ff*

T *f* hey no - ni - no, For love is crown - ed with the prime, In the *ff*

B hey no - ni - no, For love is crown - ed with the prime, In the *ff*

62 S *mf* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty *f*

A *mf* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty *f*

T *mf* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty *f*

B *mf* spring time, in the spring time, in the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty *f*

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S ring _____ time, Hey, — ding a ding a ding,

A ring _____ time, Hey, ding a ding,

T ring _____ time, When the birds do sing, when the

B ring time, When the birds do sing, when the

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S hey, — ding a ding a ding, ding a

A hey, ding a ding a ding, Hey, ding, ding a

T birds do sing, Hey, — ding a ding a ding a ding a

B birds do sing, Hey, ding, ding a ding a

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poco rit. al fine

S ding a ding a ding, — Sweet lov - ers love the Spring,

A ding a ding a ding, — Sweet lov - ers — love the Spring,

T ding a ding a ding, Sweet lov - ers — love — the — Spring, Ding a

B ding a ding a ding, — Sweet lov - ers love the Spring, — Ding a

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S ding a ding a ding a ding, *ff* Sweet lov - - - ers, —

A Hey, ding a ding a ding a ding a ding, *ff* Sweet lov - - - ers, —

T ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a ding, *ff* Sweet lov - - - ers, —

B ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a ding a ding, *ff* Sweet lov - - - -

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S sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

A sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

T sweet lov - ers love the Spring.

B - - - ers love the Spring.

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