



6 CHORAL FOLK-SONGS
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There was a tree

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

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Allegretto

ALTO *sempre p e leggiero*

A There was a tree all in the woods, As fine a tree as ev - er you did

A see, For the tree was in the woods, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

A low, low, low, low, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

10 SOPRANO *sempre p e leggiero*
S There was a tree all in the woods, As fine a
A low, low, low, low, low,

13 S tree as ev - er you did see, For the tree was in the woods, And the woods lie
A low, low, low, low, low, low, low,

16 S down in the val - ley be - low, low, low, low, And the woods lie
A low, low, low,



There was a tree

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S down in the val - ley be - low.

A low,

T TENOR *sempre p e leggiero*
There was a limb all on the

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S For the limb was on the tree,

A For the

T tree, As fine a limb as ev - er you did

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S For the limb was on the tree And the tree was in the woods,

A limb was on the tree, For the limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the woods,

T see, For the limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the woods, And the

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S And the tree was in the

A and the tree was in the

T woods lie down in the val - ley be - low, low, low,

There was a tree

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S woods. _____ There was a

A woods And thee woods lie down in the val - ley be -

T low, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

30

S bough all on the limb, As fine a

A low, And the bough was on the limb,

T low, low, low, low,

BASS *sempre p e leggero*

B And the bough was on the limb, _____

32

S bough as ev - er you did see, For the bough was on the

A And the limb was on the tree. _____

T low, low, low, low, _____

B And the limb was on the tree _____ For the bough was on the limb, And the

There was a tree

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S limb, And the limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the woods, And the

A _____ In the val - ley be -

T _____ low, low,

B limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the woods _____

36

S woods lie down in the val - ley be - low, low, low,

A low. _____ In the val - ley be -

T low, low, _____ in the val - ley be - low,

B _____ In the val - ley be - low, low, low, _____

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S low, and the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

A low, low, low, low, _____

T In the val - ley be - low, low, low, low,

B _____

There was a tree

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S low, low, low, low, low, low, low, low,

A — low, low, low, low, low, low, low, low,

T low.

B — There was a bird all on the tree, The finest bird that ever you did

44

S low, And the bough was on the limb,

A low, For the bird was on the

T And the

B see, For the bird was on the bough,

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S And the limb was on the tree, For the bird was on the bough, And the

A bough, And the bough was on the limb, For the bird was on the

T bough was on the limb, For the bird was on the bough,

B For the bird was on the bough, For the bird was

There was a tree

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S bough was on the limb, And the limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the woods, *dim.*

A bough, And the bough was on the limb, And the limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the *dim.*

T And the bough was on the limb, And the limb was on the tree, And the tree was in the woods, *dim.*

B on the bough, And the bough was on the limb, And the limb was on the tree, And the tree was *dim.*

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S — And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

A woods, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

T — And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

B in the woods, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be -

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S low, low, low, low, low.

A low, low, low, low, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be - low.

T low, low, low, low, And the woods lie down in the val - ley be - low.

B low, low, low, low, low.

There was a tree all in the woods,
 As fine a tree as ever you did see,
 For the tree was in the woods,
 And the woods lie in the valley below.

There was a limb all on the tree,
 As fine a limb as ever you did see,
 For the limb was on the tree,
 And the tree was in the woods,
 And the woods lie in the valley below.

There was a bough all on the tree,
 As fine a bough as ever you did see,
 For the bough was on the limb,
 And the limb was on the tree,
 And the tree was in the woods,
 And the woods lie in the valley below.

There was a bird all on the tree,
 The finest bird that ever you did see,
 For the bird was on the bough,
 And the bough was on the limb,
 And the limb was on the tree,
 And the tree was in the woods,
 And the woods lie in the valley below.

Hampshire Folksong
 Collected by George Barnet Gardiner (1852-1910)

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