

## IT WAS A LOVER AND HIS LASS

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Allegro giojoso  
*mp espress.*, *cresc.**f*

VOICE

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

PIANO

*mp**cresc.**f**dim.**p**mf*

no, And a hey, — non-ne - no, ne - no, That o'er the green corn - field did pass,  
 no, And a hey, — non-ne - no, ne - no, These pret - ty coun - try fools did lie  
 no, And a hey, — non-ne - no, ne - no, How that life was but a flow'r } In  
 no, And a hey, — non-ne - no, ne - no, For love is crown - ed with the prime,

*dim.**p**mf*

spring - time, in spring - time, in spring - time, The on - ly pret - ty ring - time, When birds do sing, Hey

*cresc.**f**p**cresc.*

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

*f**mf**p**rit.**dim.**f**mf**p**rit.**dim.*