

prime = first part of the day  
ring time = wedding time

As You Like It

# PRETTY RING TIME

SHAKESPEARE

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Allegretto con moto

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for Voice (soprano) and the bottom two are for Piano. The piano staff is split into treble and bass clef sections. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo is Allegretto con moto.

**Voice (Soprano):**

- Measure 1: Rest, then eighth notes. Handwritten lyrics: "It was a lov-er and his".
- Measure 2: Eighth notes. Dynamics: *sforzando*, *mp*.
- Measure 3: Eighth notes. Dynamics: *p subito*.
- Measure 4: Eighth notes.

**Piano:**

- Measure 1: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.
- Measure 2: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.
- Measure 3: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.

**Voice (Soprano):**

- Measure 5: Eighth notes. Handwritten lyrics: "lass, With a hey and a ho and a hey no-ni - no, That o'er the green".
- Measure 6: Eighth notes.
- Measure 7: Eighth notes. Dynamics: *pp (very lightly)*.
- Measure 8: Eighth notes. Dynamics: *pp staccatissimo*.

**Piano:**

- Measure 5: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.
- Measure 6: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.
- Measure 7: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.
- Measure 8: Eighth notes in treble and bass staves.

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

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

- no, These pret-ty coun-try folks would lie In the spring time, the

*pp* staccatissimo sempre

on - ly pret-ty ring time, When birds do sing Hey ding a ding ding, Sweet

lov - ers love the spring. This ca - rol they be-gan that  
 gva alt  
 pp  
 con  $\text{Pd}$

hour, With a hey and a ho and a hey no-ni - no, How that a  
 loco  
 cresc.  
 mf

life was but a flow'r In the spring time, the  
 pp staccatissimo sempre

on - ly pret - ty ring time, When birds do sing Hey ding a ding ding, Sweet

lo - vers love the spring. *meas 70580* And there-fore take the pres-ent  
 time, With a hey and a ho and a hey no-ni - no, For love is  
 crown - ed with the prime In the spring time, the on-ly pretty ring time, When  
 birds do sing Hey ding a ding ding, Sweet lov - ers love the spring.  
 Allargando