

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*

Voice: It was a lov - er and his

Piano: *mp*

Voice: lass, With a hey and a ho and a hey no - ni - no, That o'er the green

Piano: *p subito*

Voice: corn field did pass In the spring time, the on - ly pret - ty ring time, When

Piano: *pp (very lightly)*  
*pp staccatissimo*

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 *And*

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. *meno mosso* 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 pret-ty ring time, When

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