

I sowed the seeds of Love,
I sowed them in the Spring;
I gathered them up in the morning so soon
While the small birds do sweetly sing

.My garden was planted well
With flowers everywhere;
But I had not the liberty to choose for myself
Of the flowers that I love so dear.

The gardener was was standing by
And I asked him to choose for me.
He chose for me the violet, the lily and the pink,
But those I refused all three.

The violet I did not like
Because it bloomed so soon.
The lily and the pink I really overthink;
So I vowed that I'd stay till June.

In June there is a red rose-bud
And that's the flower for me;
I oftentimes have plucked that red rosebud
Till I gained the willow tree.

The willow tree will twist
And the willow tree will twine;
I oftentimes have wished I was in that
young man's arms
That once had the heart of mine.

Come all you false young men,
Do not leave me here to complain,
For the, grass that has oftentimes been
trampled underfoot;
Give it time, it will rise up again.

The Seeds of Love

Choral Variations on an English Folk song

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1991

Trad. **Andante**
♩ = c.76

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mf
I sowed the seeds of love; I sowed them in the spring, I

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poco
ga - thered them up in the mor - ning so soon while the small birds do sweet - ly sing, While the

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ga - thered them up in the mor - ning so soon while the small birds do sweet - ly sing, While the

Piu mosso

♩ = c.80

mf

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small birds do sweet - ly sing, sing, My gar - den was

small birds do sweet - ly sing, sing, My gar - den was plan - ted

small birds do sweet - ly sing, sing, sing, sing, My gar - den was

small birds do sweet - ly sing, *mf* My gar - den was



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plan ted well With flow - ers ev' - ry - where But I

well, well, With flow ers ev' - ry - where, ev' - ry -

plan - ted well, with flow - wers ev' - ry - where,



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had not the lib - er - ty to choose for my - self of the flow'rs that I love so

where, but I had not the lib - er - ty to choose for my self of the flow'rs that I

with flow - wers ev' - ry -

A tempo

♩ = c.80

25 *Poco rit.* *mp*

dear of the flow'rs that I love so dear, the flow'rs that I love so
love so dear, the flow'rs that I love so dear the flow'rs that I love so
The gar - den - er was stan - ding
ry - where.

31

well The flow'rs I love so well, He chose,
well The flow'rs I love so well, He chose,
by And I ask - ed him to choose for me; He chose for

37

he chose for me the vi - o - let, the vi - o - let, the li - ly and the pink;
he chose for me the vi - o - let, the vi - o - let, the li - ly and the pink;
me the vi - o - let, the li - ly and the pink, But

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p espress. *poco*

re - fus'd all three. I sowed the seeds of Love, I

p espress. *poco*

fus'd all three. I sow'd the seeds of Love, I

poco sfp *p espress.* *poco*

those I re fused all three. I sowed the seeds of Love, I

Solo mf espress.

I sowed the seeds of Love; I

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sowed the seeds, Of Love

sowed the seeds, Of Love

sowed the seeds, Of Love, While the

sowed them in the Spring; I ga - ther'd them up in the mor - ning so soon, While the

51

While the small birds do sweet - ly sing.

While the small birds do sweet - ly sing, sing

small birds do sweet - ly sing, the birds sweet - ly sing

poco sfp

small birds do sweet - ly sing, while the small birds do sweet - ly sing

6 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$.
 $\text{♩} = \text{c.42}$

56 *p*

The vi - o - let I did not like

p

The vi - o - let I did not like

mp

The vi - o - let I did not

(tutti) p

The vi - o - let I did not like, the vi - o - let I did



63

Be - cause it bloomed, it

Be - cause it bloomed, it

like, be - cause it bloomed so soon

not like be - cause it bloomed so soon, be-cause it bloomed so

69

bloomed so soon The li - ly

bloomed so soon The li - ly

The li - ly

The li - ly and the pink I real - ly o - ver

soon, be - cause it bloomed so soon, so soon. The li - ly and the



75

and the pink I real - ly o - ver -

and the pink I real - ly o - ver -

and the pink I real - ly o - ver -

think So I vowed that I'd stay

pink, the li - ly and the pink, I real - ly o - ver think, I real - ly

80

- think, So I vowed I'd stay,
 think, So I vowed I'd stay,
 think, So I vowed I'd stay,
 that I'd stay till June, I'd
 o - ver - think, So I vowed I'd stay, that I'd stay till June.



84

p I'd stay till June. *poco* *mp* In June there is a red rose
p I'd stay till June. *poco* *mp* In June there is a
p I'd stay till June. *poco*
p stay till June. *mp*
mp In June there
p stay till June. *poco* In June there is a
p So I vowed, I vowed I'd stay, I'd stay till

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bud A red rose bud, a red rose - bud And that's the
 red rose bud A red rose bud, a red rose - bud
 is a red
 red rose bud And that's the flower

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flower, And that's the flower for me And that's the flower, and that's
 And that's the flower, And that's the flower for me And that's the
 and that's the flower for me And that's

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the flower, the flower for me And that's the flower, the flower for me,
 flower, and that's the flower, the flower for me, And that's the flower, the
 the flower for me;
 the flow'r the flow'r for me, the flow'r

108

and that's the flower for me; I of - ten times have pluck'd I of - ten
 flower for me, and that's the flower for me; I of - ten times have pluck'd
 I of - ten -
 for me; I of - ten -

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times have pluck'd have pluck'd that red rose bud Till I
 I of - ten times have pluck'd pluck'd that red rose bud I
 - times have plucked that red, have plucked that red - rose bud
 time have pluck'd that red rose - bud Till I gained, I

120

gained the wil - low tree, I gained the wil - low tree.
 Till I gained the wil - low tree, I gained the wil - low tree.
 that red rose - bud Till I gained the wil - low - tree.
 gained the wil - low tree, gained the will - low tree, the wil - low

Andante

♩ = c.76

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mp I sow'd the seeds, I sowed them in the spring; I

mp I sow'd the seeds, I sowed them in the spring; I

mf I sow'd the seeds of Love, I sowed them in the spring; I

mp I sow'd the seeds, I sowed them in the spring; I

mp tree. I sow'd the seeds, I sowed them in the spring; I

mp I sow'd the seeds, I sowed them in the spring; I



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ga - ther'd them up in the mor - ning so soon, While the small birds do sweet - ly

ga - ther'd them up in the mor - ning so soon, While the small birds do sweet - ly

ga - ther'd them up in the mor - ning so soon, While the small birds do sweet - ly

ga - ther'd them up in the mor - ning so soon, While the small birds do sweet - ly

134 *poco*

sing, while the small birds do sweet - ly sing, do sing, sing
 sing, while the small birds do sweet - ly sing, do sing, sing
 sing, while the small birds do sweet - ly sing,
 sing, while the small birds do sweet - ly, sweet - ly sing, sing
 sing, while the small birds do sweet - ly sing
 do sweet - ly sing



139 $\text{♩} = \text{c.76}$ $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

p The wil - low tree will twist, will
p The wil - low tree will twist, will
 The wil - low tree will twist, will
p The wil - low tree will twist,
p The wil - low tree will twist,
p The wil - low tree will twist,

143 = *mp*

twist = *mp*

twist = *mp*

twist *mp* *poco*

twist *mp* *poco*

The wil - low tree will twist *p*

p And the

p And the

mp *poco* And the

The wil - low tree will twist

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p And the wil - low tree will twine *mp*

p And the wil - low tree will twine *mp*

And the wil - low tree will twine *mp*

mp And the wil - low

mp wil - low tree will twine

mp wil - low tree will twine

mp wil - low tree will twine *mp*

mp And the wil - low tree will

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p
I of - ten times____ have wish'd_

p
I of - ten times have wish'd_

p
I of - ten times have wish'd_

poco *p*
tree will twine, I of - ten- times_

p
I of - ten - times have

p
I of - ten - times have

p
I of - ten - times have

poco *p*
twine, I of - ten- times_

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mp espress.

I was in that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

I was in that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

I was in that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

have wish'd In that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

wish'd In that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

wish'd In that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

wish'd In that young man's arms That once had the

mp espress.

have wish'd In that young man's arms That once had the

Piu mosso

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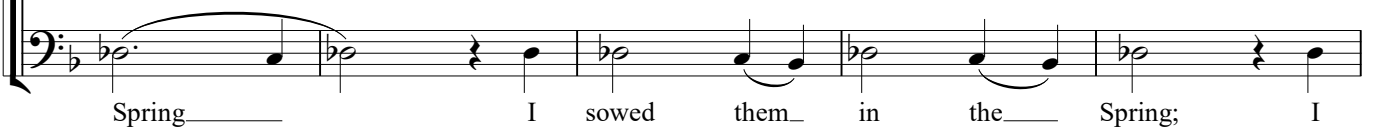
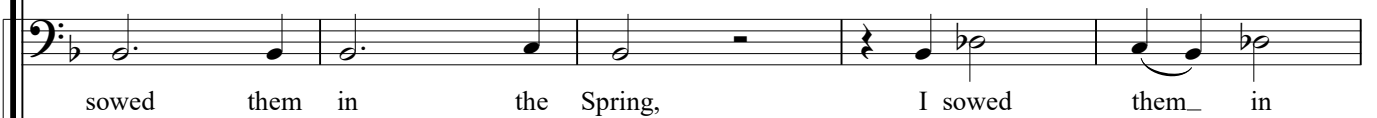
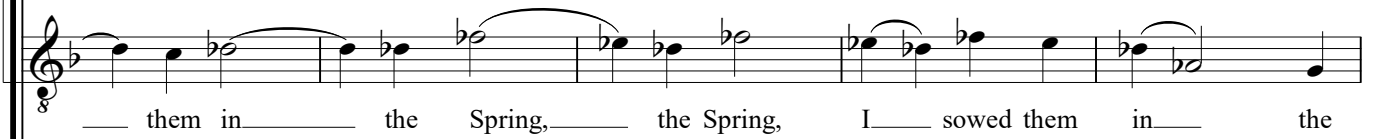
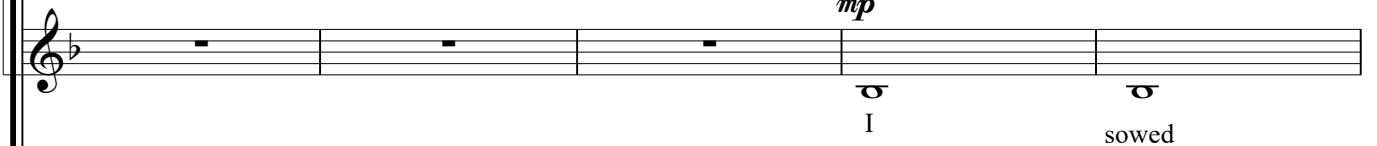
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mp

heart of mine. *mp* That once had the heart of mine.
 heart of mine. *mp* That once had the heart of mine.
 heart of mine. That once had the heart of mine.
 heart of mine.
 heart of mine. *mp* I sowed
 heart of mine. I sowed the
 heart of mine. *mp* I sowed the seeds, the seeds of

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mp
 I sowed the seeds of Love, of Love
 the seeds of Love, of Love, I sowed
 seeds. the seeds of Love, I sowed, I
 Love,
 I sowed them, sowed them in the

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175

mf 3 I sowed the

mp 3 *cresc.* 3 *mf* 3 I sowed the seeds of Love; I sowed

cresc. *mf*
the seeds of Love; I

cresc. *mf*
I sowed them in the Spring, the Spring; I ga -

cresc.
Spring, the Spring; I ga - ther'd them up I ga -

cresc.
the Spring; I ga - ther'd them up, ga ther'd them

mf
ga - ther'd them, ga - ther'd them up, I ga - ther'd them up in the

mf I sowed the seeds of Love;

seeds of Love; I sowed them in the

tem in the Spring; I sowed the seeds

sowed them in the

- ther'd them up in the mor - ning so

- ther'd them up in the mor - ning

up in the mor - ning in the

mor - ning so soon, While the small birds do sweet - ly

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the seeds of Love; Come all you false young men,

Spring; Come all you false young men,

of Love; Come all you false young men,

Spring; Come all you false young men,

soon While the small birds do sweet-ly sweet - ly

so soon, While the small birds do sweet-ly do

mor - ning While the small birds do sweet - ly sing, do

sing, While the small birds do sweet - ly sing, While the

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f Do not leave me here to com - plain For the

f Do not leave me here to com - plain For the

f Do not leave me here to com - plain For the

f Do not leave me here to com - plain For the

sweet - ly sing, — sweet - ly — sing. —

sweet - ly sing, — do — sing. —

sweet - ly, sweet - ly sing — sing. —

small birds do sweet - ly, — sweet - ly — sing.



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grass that has of - ten - times been tram - pled un - der foot, — Give it time, it will rise up a -

grass that has of - ten - times been tram - pled un - der foot, — Give it time, it will rise up a -

grass that has of - ten - times been tram - pled un - der foot, — Give it time, it will rise up a -

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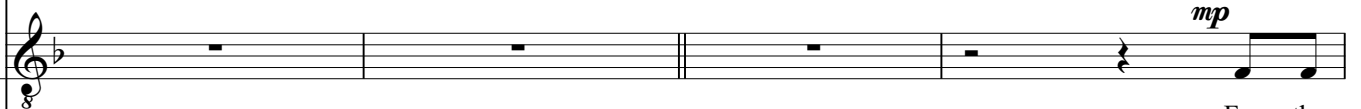
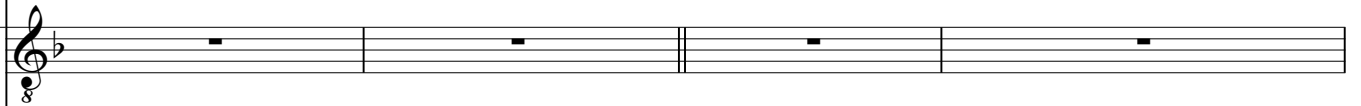
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gain; give it time, it will rise up a - gain.

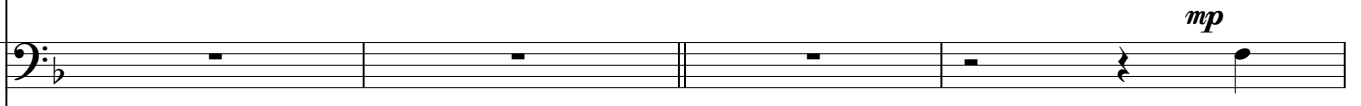
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gain; give it time, it will rise up a - gain.

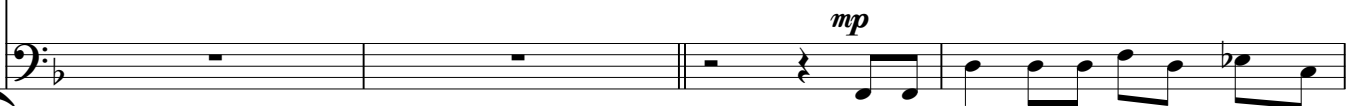
gain; give it time, it will rise up a - gain.



For the



I



For the grass that has of - ten - times been

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mp The

mp I sowed the seeds of love, I

grass that has of - ten - times been tram - pled un - der - foot, Give it

sowed the seeds of Love, I sow'd them

tram - pled un - der - foot, Give it time, it will rise up a -

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mp I sowed the seeds of Love, I

grass that has of - ten - times been tram - pled un - der foot, give it

sowed them in the spring, the spring

time, it will rise up a - gain, Give it time, it will rise up a -

in the spring The

gain, Give it time, it will rise up gain.

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The
sowed them in the spring. *cresc.* I
time it will rise up a *cresc. gain* Give it time,
The grass *cresc.* that has of-ten-times been
gain; I sowed the seeds
grass that has of-ten-times been *cresc. tram*-pled un-der foot,
I sowed the seeds of

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mf
cresc. I sowed the seeds of I
grass that has of-ten-times been tram-pled und-der-foot, Give it time, it will rise up
cresc.
sowed the seeds of Love I
give it time, it will rise, it will rise up a-
tram-pled un-der foot Give it time, it will
mf of *3* Love, of love I sowed
Give it time *mf* Give it time,
Love, I sowed them in the

214 *cresc.*

sowed them in the spring, *f* in the spring, in the
cresc. a - gain, *f* it will rise up a gain, in the spring,
cresc. gain, *f* it will rise up *f* a - gain,
cresc. rise up a - gain, *cresc.* it will rise *f* it will
cresc. them in the spring, *cresc.* I *f* 3
it will rise up *f* - gain. For the
spring I ga - ther'd them up in the

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spring, it will
in *f* the spring,
I ga - ther them up in the mor - ning so soon
in the spring, it will rise up a - gain,
rise up a - gain; For the grass
ther'd them up in the mor - ning so soon
grass that has of - ten - times been tram - pled un - der
mor - ning so soon, While the

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rise up a-gain it will rise up a-gain,

it will rise up a-gain, it will rise up a-gain,

While the small birds do sweet-ly sing,

in the spring it will rise up a-gain in the spring,

that is tram-pled un-der-foot It will rise up a-gain,

While the small birds did sweet-ly sing While the

foot; Give it time, it will rise up a-gain,

small birds do sweet-ly sing, While the small birds do

it will rise up a -

it will rise up,

in the spring, it will rise

it will rise up a - gain, in the

it will rise up

small birds did sweet - ly sing,

it will rise up a - gain,

sweet - ly sing; it will

Allargando

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♩ = c.63

rit.

ff

gain, rise up a - gain.

it will rise up a - gain, a - gain.

up a - gain, rise up a - gain.

spring iy will rise up a - gain.

it will rise up a - gain.

it will rise up a - gain.

will rise up a - gain.

rise up, rise up a - gain.