

# Going a maying

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(1545-1626)

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(1809-1886)

*allegro* =84

Soprano

*f*1. In the mer-ry month of May, In a morn by break of day, With a troop of dam-sels—

Alto

*f*1. In the mer-ry month of May, In a morn by break of day, With a troop of dam-sels

Tenor

*f*1. In the mer-ry month of May, In a morn by break of day, With a troop of dam-sels

Bass

*f*1. In the mer-ry month of May, In a morn by break of day, With a troop of dam-sels

Accomp.

*allegro*

*f*

—84

play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing. **p** Where a-non by a wood side, Where as May was

play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing. **p** Where a-non by a wood side, Where as May was

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play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing. **p** Where a-non by a wood side, Where as May was

*p*

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in his pride, I e - spi-ed all a - lone, **f**Phil-li - da and Co-ry - don. **p** Much a - do there

in his pride, I e - spi-ed all a - lone, **f**Phil-li - da and Co-ry - don. **p** Much a -

in his pride, I e - spi-ed all a - lone, **f**Phil-li - da and Co-ry - don. **p** Much a -

in his pride, I e - spi-ed all a - lone, **f**Phil-li - da and Co-ry - don.

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was, God wot! He would love, and she would not, **f**She said, ne-ver man was

do, He would love, **f**She said, ne-ver man was

do, He would love,

God wot! would not,

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true: **f** She said, ne-ver man was true, **p** She said, ne - ver man was  
true: **f** She said, ne-ver man was true, **p** She said, ne - ver man was  
**f** He says none was false to you; **f** She said ne-ver man was true, **p** He says none was false to  
**f** He says none was false to you; **p** He says none was false to

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true, Man was ne-ver, ne-ver true, ne-ver true. **f** In the mer-ry month of May,  
true, Man was ne-ver, ne-ver true, ne-ver true. **f** In the mer-ry month of May,  
you, ne - ver, ne-ver false to you, ne-ver true. **f** In the mer-ry month of May,  
you, ne - ver, ne-ver false to you, ne-ver true. **f** In the mer-ry month of May,

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This section of the musical score consists of four staves of music. The top three staves are in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. The vocal line is a simple melody with eighth and sixteenth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are repeated three times: "In a morn by break of day, With a troop of dam-sels play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a".

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This section continues the musical score. The vocal line includes dynamic markings: "may-ing." (normal), "a may - ing," (dynamic up), "a may - ing," (dynamic up), "With a troop of dam-sels" (strong dynamic). The piano accompaniment maintains its harmonic and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics continue with "may-ing." (normal), "a may - ing," (dynamic up), "a may - ing," (dynamic up), "With a troop of dam-sels" (strong dynamic). The section concludes with "may-ing. Forth I went a may - ing, Forth I went a may - ing, With a troop of dam-sels" followed by a dynamic marking "p".

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play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing,      *mf* Forth I went *f*a may - ing.

play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing, Forth I went *f*a may - ing.

play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing,      *mf* Forth I went *f*a may - ing.

play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing,      *f*a may - ing.

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*f*2. He said he had loved her long; *p* She says love should have no wrong. *f* Co-ry - don would kiss her -

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then; **p** She says maids must kiss no men, Till they do for good and all, **f** When she made the

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then; **p** She says maids must kiss no men, Till they do for good and all, **f** When she made the

*p*

**f**

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shep-herd call All the heavens to wit-ness truth, Ne-ver loved a tru-er youth. **p** Then with ma-ny a

shep-herd call All the heavens to wit-ness truth, Ne-ver loved a tru-er youth. **p** Yea and

shep-herd call All the heavens to wit-ness truth, Ne-ver loved a tru-er youth. **p** Yea and

shep-herd call All the heavens to wit-ness truth, Ne-ver loved a tru-er youth.

**p**

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pretty oath, Yea and nay, and faith and troth. ***f*** Such as silly shep-herds

nay, faith and troth. ***f*** Such as silly shep-herds

nay, faith and troth.

much a - do There was,

***f***

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use; She said, ne-ver man was true, **p** She said, ne - ver man was

use; She said, ne-ver man was true, **p** She said, ne - ver man was

*f*When they will not love a - buse; She said ne-ver man was true, **p** He says none was false to

*f*When they will not love a - buse; **p** He says none was false to

**p**

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true, Man was ne-ver, ne-ver true, ne-ver true. *f*In the mer-ry month of May,

true, Man was ne-ver, ne-ver true, ne-ver true. *f*In the mer-ry month of May,

you, ne - ver, ne-ver false to you, ne-ver true. *f*In the mer-ry month of May,

you, ne - ver, ne-ver false to you, ne-ver true. *f*In the mer-ry month of May,

*f*

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In a morn by break of day, With a troop of dam-sels play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a

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*f*

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may-ing. a may - ing, a may - ing, **p** With a troop of dam-sels  
 may-ing. a may - ing, a may - ing, **p** With a troop of dam-sels  
 may-ing. a may - ing, a may - ing, **p** With a troop of dam-sels  
 may-ing. Forth I went a may - ing, Forth I went a may - ing, **p** With a troop of dam-sels

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**p**

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play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing, **mf** Forth I went **f**a may - ing.  
 play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing, Forth I went \_\_\_\_\_ **f**a may - ing.  
 play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing, **mf** Forth I went **f**a may - ing.  
 play-ing, Forth I went for-sooth a may-ing, **f**a may - ing.

**mf**

**f**