

# IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Gained a Prize Medal in 1773

Nicolas Breton (1545?-c.1626)

Benjamin Cooke  
(1734-1793)

\* Moderately Quick ♩ = 116

Treble  
In the mer - - - ry, mer - ry - month of May, In a

Alto  
In the mer - - - ry, mer - ry - month of May, In a morn -

Tenor  
In the mer-ry, mer-ry, mer-ry month of May, In a morn, in a

Bass  
In the mer-ry, mer-ry month of May,

5

morn, in a morn by break of day, Forth I

by break of day, Forth I walk - ed, forth I walk - ed, -

morn by break - - - of day, Forth I walk - ed, forth I -

In a morn by break of day, Forth I walk - ed,

9

walk - ed by the wood - side, Where, as - May was

forth by - - - the wood - side, Where, as - May, - as May was -

walk - ed by the wood - side, Where, as - May was -

walk - ed by the wood - side, Where, as - May, where, as - May was

\*Transposed down a tone

Source: Horsley's edition (early 19th C.).

The MM markings are not Cooke's and are likely to be Horsley's.

The origin of the tempo markings is unknown, but it should be noted that Cooke generally favoured Italian markings.

13

in his pride, Phil - li - da and Co - ry - done, -  
- in his pride, There I spy - ed, all a - lone, Phil - li - da and Co - ry - done,  
in his pride, There I spy - ed, all a - lone, Phil - li - da and Co - ry - done,  
in his pride, Phil - li - da and Co - ry -

18

- Phil - li - da and Co - - - - ry - done, Much a -  
Phil - li - da, Phil - li - da and Co - ry - done, Much a - do there was, there was, -  
Phil - li - da, Phil - li - da - and - Co - - - ry - done, Much a - do there  
done, Phil - li - da and Co - - - ry - done,

22

do there was, much a - do there was, much a - do, much a - do there was, -  
- God wot, - - - - - much a - do there was, much a - do there  
was, there was, God wot, much a - do there was, - there -  
Much a - do there was, there was, - God wot, much a - do there

25

- God wot, For he wou'd love, For he wou'd love but she, but she wou'd not.  
was, God wot, For he wou'd love, for he wou'd love but she wou'd not, she - - - wou'd not.  
was, God wot, For he wou'd love, for he wou'd love but she, but she wou'd not.  
was, God wot, For he wou'd love, for he wou'd love but she, but she wou'd not.

52

kiss no men, Till they did for good and all.  
must kiss no men, Till they did for good and all.  
must kiss no men, Till they did for good and all.  
must kiss no men,

60 **Slow** ♩ = 84.

Then oh! then she made the shep - - - herd  
Then oh! then she made the shep - herd call,  
Then oh! then she made the shep - herd  
Then oh! then she made the shep - - - herd

64

call On all the heav'ns to wit - ness truth, That ne - ver  
call On all the heav'ns to wit - - - ness truth, That ne - ver  
call On all the heav'ns to wit - ness truth,  
call On all the heav'ns to wit - ness truth,

69

lov'd a tru - - - er youth.  
lov'd a tru - - - er youth.  
That ne - ver lov'd a tru - - - - - er youth.  
That ne - ver lov'd a tru - er youth.

95

clu - ded, with kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And  
kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And  
kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And  
kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of music, measures 95-98. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a bass line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "clu - ded, with kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet, with kis - ses sweet con - clu - ded, And".

99

Phil - li - da with gar - land gay, Was crown'd, \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil - li - da with gar - land gay, Was \_\_\_\_\_ crown'd, was crown'd, \_\_\_\_\_  
Phil - li - da \_\_\_\_\_ with gar - land gay, Was \_\_\_\_\_ crown'd, was  
Phil - li - da with gar - land gay, Was crown'd, the

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of music, measures 99-102. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a bass line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Phil - li - da with gar - land gay, Was crown'd, \_\_\_\_\_ Phil - li - da with gar - land gay, Was \_\_\_\_\_ crown'd, was crown'd, \_\_\_\_\_ Phil - li - da \_\_\_\_\_ with gar - land gay, Was \_\_\_\_\_ crown'd, was Phil - li - da with gar - land gay, Was crown'd, the".

103

\_\_\_\_\_ was crown'd \_\_\_\_\_ the La - dy of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ was crown'd the La - dy of the may, was  
crown'd the La - dy of the may, was crown'd, was  
La - dy of the may, was crown'd, was crown'd, was

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of music, measures 103-106. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a bass line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "\_\_\_\_\_ was crown'd \_\_\_\_\_ the La - dy of the \_\_\_\_\_ was crown'd the La - dy of the may, was crown'd the La - dy of the may, was crown'd, was La - dy of the may, was crown'd, was crown'd, was".

107

may, was crown'd the La - dy of the may.  
crown'd, was crown'd the La - dy of \_\_\_\_\_ the may.  
crown'd, was crown'd the La - dy of the may.  
crown'd, was crown'd the La - dy of the may.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of music, measures 107-110. It features four staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), a bass line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "may, was crown'd the La - dy of the may. crown'd, was crown'd the La - dy of \_\_\_\_\_ the may. crown'd, was crown'd the La - dy of the may. crown'd, was crown'd the La - dy of the may.".