

# BANKS OF THE SWEET PRIMROSES

TRADITIONAL  
arr. FAIRPORT CONVENTION

Slowly

1. As I walked out on a mid-summer's morn - ing

For to view the fields\_ and to take the\_ air,

Down\_ by the\_ banks of the sweet prim - ros - es,

There\_ I\_ be - held\_ a\_ most love - like fair.

The score consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a guitar line with chord diagrams (G, D, C, D, G), and a piano accompaniment with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Slowly'.

For repeats | Last time



2. Three short

The musical score consists of three systems. The first system is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It contains a whole note chord (D major) and a whole note chord (C major). The second system is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp and a 2/4 time signature. It begins with a treble clef staff containing a whole note chord (D major) and a whole note chord (C major), followed by a melodic line starting with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass clef staff contains a whole note chord (D major) and a whole note chord (C major). The third system continues the grand staff with a melodic line in the treble clef staff that includes a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note B4, and a bass clef staff with a whole note chord (D major) and a whole note chord (C major). A 'rit.' (ritardando) marking is placed above the first measure of the third system.

- 2 Three short steps I stepped up to her  
Not knowing her as she passed me by.  
I stepped up to her thinking for to view her.  
She appeared to me like some virtuous bride.
- 3 I says, "Fair maid, where are you going,  
And what's the occasion of your grief?  
I will make you as happy as any lady,  
If you will grant to me one small relief."
- 4 "Stand off! Stand off! You're a false deceiver.  
You are a false deceitful man, I know.  
'Tis you that has caused my poor heart to wander,  
And in your comfort lies no refrain."
- 5 So I'll go down to some lonesome valley  
Where no man on earth shall there me find,  
Where the pretty little small birds do change their voices,  
And every moment blows blustrous wind.
- 6 So come, all young men who go a-sailing.  
Pray pay attention to what I say.  
For there's many a dark and a cloudy morning  
Turns out to be a sunshiny day.