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# Five English Folk Songs

## III

### Just as the Tide Was Flowing

*for Unaccompanied Mixed Chorus*

Traditional English Folk Song\*\*

Freely arranged by  
RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

**Allegro vivace ♩ = 160**

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano (for rehearsal only)

**Allegro vivace ♩ = 160**

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When I beheld my lover.

When I beheld my lover.

When I beheld my lover. She

When I beheld my lover. She

\* Contemporary vocal beaming practices and other modern conventions are employed in this edition.

\*\* The words in this ballad have been slightly revised.

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Ah \_\_\_\_\_ Ah \_\_\_\_\_ And  
care - less - ly a - long did stray, A - pick - ing of the dais - ies gay; And  
care - less - ly a - long did stray, A - pick - ing of the dais - ies gay; And

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sweet - ly sang her roun - de - lay, Just \_ as the tide\_ was flow - ing. O! \_\_\_ her  
sweet - ly sang her roun - de - lay, Just \_ as the tide\_ was flow - ing. O! \_\_\_ her  
sweet - ly sang her roun - de - lay, Just \_ as the tide\_ was flow - ing.  
sweet - ly sang her roun - de - lay, Just \_ as the tide\_ was flow - ing.

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dress it was so white as milk, Ah \_\_\_\_\_ Her \_\_\_\_\_  
dress it was so white as milk, Ah \_\_\_\_\_ Her \_\_\_\_\_  
And\_ jew - els did \_ a - adorn\_ her. \_\_\_\_\_  
And\_ jew - els did \_ a - adorn\_ her. \_\_\_\_\_

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more we said, but on our way we\_gang'd a - long to - ge - ther; The small birds sang, and the  
more we said, but on our way we\_gang'd a-long to - ge - ther; The small birds sang, and the  
more we said, but on our way we gang'd a - long to - ge - ther; The small birds sang, and the  
more we said, but on our way we\_gang'd a - long to - ge - ther; The small birds sang, and the

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lambs did play. And plea - sant was the wea - ther, When we were wea - ry we did sit down, Be -  
lambs did play. And plea-sant was the wea - ther, Ah Ah  
lambs did play. And plea-sant was the wea - ther, Ah Ah

lambs did play. And plea-sant was the wea - ther, When we were wea - ry we did sit down, Be -

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molto rall.

neath a tree with branch-es round; For my true love at last I'd found, Just as the tide was flow - ing.  
Ah For my true love at last I'd found, Just as the tide was flow - ing.  
Ah For my true love at last I'd found, Just as the tide was flow - ing.

neath a tree with branch-es round; For my true love at last I'd found, Just as the tide was flow - ing.

molto rall.