

Now is the month



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Now is the month of May - ing, when mer - ry¹ lads² are play - ing. Fa la

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with his bon - ny³ lass,⁴ up on the green⁵ y - ass. Fa la la

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2. The spring, clad⁵ all in gladness,
doth laugh at winter's sadness.
Fa la la ...
And to the bagpipe's⁶ sound
the nymphs tread⁷ out their ground.
Fa la la ...

3. Fye⁸ then, why sit we musing,⁹
Sweet youth's delights refusing?
Fa la la ...
Say, dainty¹⁰ nymphs, and speak,
shall we play barley-break?¹¹
Fa la la ...

Thomas Morley (1557–1603)

¹ merry = fröhlich ² lad = der Bursche ³ bonny = hübsch ⁴ lass = das Mädchen ⁵ clad = gekleidet
⁶ bagpipe = der Dudelsack ⁷ to tread = treten ⁸ Fye = Ausruf des Abscheus ⁹ to muse = nachgrübeln ¹⁰ dainty = zierlich
¹¹ barley-break = altes, ländliches Spiel, das von drei Paaren gespielt wird