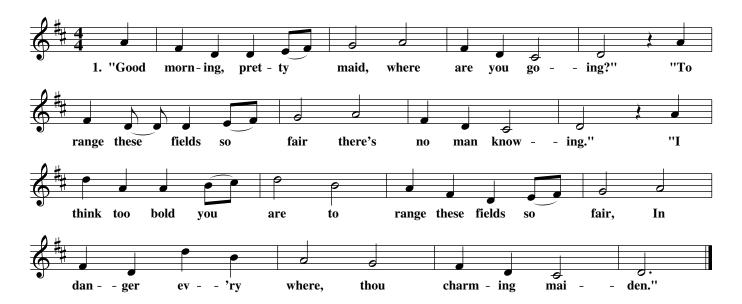
Good Morning, Pretty Maid



- "A charming maid I am, sir," she replied,
 "Without any guile or care, to no man tied;
 My recreations are, to range these fields so fair,
 To take the pleasant air, thou boasting stranger."
- 3. "A farmer's son I am, your nighest neighbour, Great store of wealth I have, by honest labour; So if you will agree, soon married we will be, For I'm in love with thee, thou charming maiden."
- 4. "A farmer's wife must work, both late and early Like any foreign Turk, therefore believe me, I don't intend to be a servant bound to thee, To do thy drudgery, thou boasting stranger."

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