

The Seed of Love

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Seed of Love'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'We sowed the seed of love. For ___ then it do blo-ssom in the spring. There is Ap - ril, May and like ___ -wise June ___ And the small birds they all did sing, ___ And the small birds they all did ___ sing.' There are several blank lines in the lyrics, likely for a singer to improvise or for a specific recording.

The gardener standing by,
I asked him to choose for me.
He chos-ed the violet, the lily and the pink,
And those flowers I refused all three,
And those flowers I refused all three.

The violet I did not like,
Because it faded so soon,
But the lily and the pink I fairly overlooked
And I vowed I would stay till June,
And I vowed I would stay till June.

Well, June brought forth the rose
And that is the flower for me,
For I-ve oft times plucked at the red and rosy bud
Till I gain-ed the willow tree,
Till I gain-ed the willow tree.

The willow tree won-t twine
And the willow tree won-t twain,
For no more did the fair and elusive young maid
That once stole this heart of mine.
That once stole this heart of mine.

Source: Sung by Ernie Payne, Hawkesbury Upton and learnt from his mother. Collected by Gwilym Davies
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