

## The Seed of Love

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the song, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. 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."

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.  
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The transcription is of the Yates' recording