

The Lark in the Morning

1. The lark in the morn - ing he ris - es from his nest. He ris - es in the
air with the dew all on his breast And with the pret - ty plough-ing boy, he'll
whis-tle and he'll sing And at night he will re - turn to his nest back a - gain

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and folk-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of the first verse, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

[2. When his day's work is over, oh what then will he do
Perhaps then into some country wake he'll go
And with his pretty sweetheart, he'll dance and he'll sing
And at night he'll return with his love back again.]

[3. And as they returned from the wake unto the town
The meadows they are mowed and the grass it is cut down
The nightingale she whistles upon the hawthorn spray
And the moon it is a shining upon the new mown hay.]

[4. Good luck unto the ploughboys wherever they may be
They will take a winsome lass for to sit upon their knee
And with a jug of beer boys, they'll whistle and they'll sing
And the ploughboy is as happy as a prince or a king.]

Source: Sung by Mr Tandy, Winchcombe. Collected by Percy Grainger on 8 April 1908.
Mr Tandy only sang one verse to Grainger, so the remainder has been supplied
from a version sung by the Copper family of Sussex.