

Just as the Tide was Flowing

One_ morn-ing in the month of May, Down by_ a roll-ing_

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The image shows a musical score for the song 'Just as the Tide was Flowing'. It consists of six staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line.

One morning in the month of May
Down by a rolling river,
A jolly sailor I did stray,
When I beheld some lover
So carelessly along did stray
A picking of the daisies gay
So sweet she sang a roundelay
Just as the tide was a-flowing

Oh her dress it was as white as milk,
And her jewels did adorn her
Her shoes were made of the crimson silk
Just like some lady of honour.
Her cheeks were red, her eyes were brown,
Her hair in ringlets hanging down,
She'd a lovely brow without a frown,
Just as the tide was a-flowing

I made a bow and said - Fair maid
How came you here so early?
My heart by you it is betrayed
For I could love you dearly.
I am a sailor come from sea,
If you will accept of my company
To walk and view the fishes play
Just as the tide is a-flowing

No more we said - but on the way
We ganged along together
The small birds sang and the lambs did play
And pleasant was the weather
When we were weary we both sat down
Beneath a tree with the branches around
And what was done shall never be found
As long as the tide is a-flowing.

But as she lay upon the grass
Her colours they kept changing
Till she cried out and said - Alas!
Never let your mind be ranging
Here is twenty pounds I have in store,
Meet me when you will - there's plenty more,
For my jolly sailor I adore
Just as the tide is a-flowing

We both shook hands and off we steer
Jack Tar drinks rum and brandy
To keep his shipmates in good cheer
The lady's gold is handy
And along with some other pretty maid I will go
To a public house where the brandy do flow
Success to the maid that will do so
Just as the tide is a-flowing