

By a Bank as I Lay

A favorite of King Henry VIII

CAPO 5

F(C) B \flat (F) C(G7) Dm(Am) C(G) F(C) Dm(Am)

1. By a bank as I lay _____ My self a - lone did _____
 2. Mas - ter of Spring's sweet mu - - - sic The lust - y night - in - -
 3. Wak - en there - fore young men _____ All Ye that lov - ers _____

C(G) F(C) B \flat (F) Gm(Dm) F(C) Am(Em)

muse, _ Hey, _ ho! A bird's sweet voice did me re - - joice, _ She
 - gale, _ Hey, _ ho! Full mer - ri - - ly and se - cret - - ly _ She
 be, _ Hey, _ ho! This month of May so fresh, so gay, _ So

B \flat (F) C(G7) F(C) B \flat (F) C(G7) F(C) C(G)

sang be - fore _____ the day. Me - thought full well I
 sing - eth in _____ the thycke With - - in her breast a
 fair by field _____ and fen, Hath flow - ered o'er each

G(D) C(G) F(C) B \flat (F) F(C) C(G7) G7(D7) C(G7)

knew* her lay, She said the win - ter's past, _ Hey, _ ho!
 thorn doth prick To keep off her from sleep, _ Hey, _ ho!
 leaf - y den; Great joy it is to see, _ Hey, _ ho!

F(C) C(G7) F(C) C(G7) B \flat (F) F(C) C(G7) F(C)

Down der - - ry down, down, der - - ry, down der - ry,

Gm(Dm) B \flat (F) F(C) C(G7) F(C) B \flat (F) C(G7) F(C)

down der - ry, down der - ry, down der - ry, down, down!

*orig: wot = know (from "to wit"), thyke = thicket

See ref: Chappell's Popular Music of the Olden Time, p.92
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<http://www.contemplator.com/england/bank2.html>