

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)

1. By a bank as I lay _____ My
 2. Mas - ter of Spring's sweet mu - - - sic The
 3. Wak - en there - fore young men _____ All

F(C) Dm(Am) C(G)

self a - - lone did _____ muse, Hey, ho! A
 lust - - y night - in - - - gale, Hey, ho! Full
 Ye that lov - - ers _____ be, Hey, ho! This

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

bird's sweet voice did me re - - jice, _____ She
 mer - - ri - - ly and se - - cret - - ly _____ She
 month of May so fresh, so gay, _____ So

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

sang be - - fore _____ the day. Me -
 sing - - eth in _____ the thycke With -
 fair by field _____ and fen, Hath

C(G) G(D) C(G)

- thought full well I knew* her lay, She
 - in her breast a thorn doth prick To
 flow - - ered o'er each leaf - - y den; Great

F(C) Bb(F) F(C) C(G7) G7(D7) C(G7)

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

F(C) C(G7) F(C) C(G7) Bb(F) F(C)

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

C(G7) F(C) Gm(Dm) Bb(F) F(C)

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

C(G7) F(C) Bb(F) C(G7) F(C)

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

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

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