

Oh the Snow it Melts

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English Folk Song c1820s

Molto rubato high voices

Voices

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The tempo is marked 'Molto rubato'. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major or B minor. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are various musical markings including slurs, accents (checkmarks), and a 'tutti' marking. The score ends with a double bar line.

O the snow it melts the soon-est when the wind be-gins to sing, And the

corn it ri-pens fast est when the frosts are set-ting in, An when a young man tells me that my

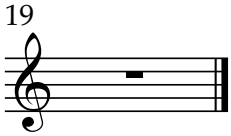
face he'll soon for-get, be-for we part I'll wage a crown, he's fain to foll-ow it yet. tutti O the

snow it melts the soon - est when the wind be-gins to sing, And the

swal - low skims with-out a thought as long as it is spring; But

when spring goes, and win - ter blows, my love, ah ye'll be fain For

all your pride, to fol-low me____ a - cross the storm - y main.



low voices

3. Oh, the snow it melts the soonest when the winds begin to sing,
And the bee that flew when summer shone, in winter cannot sting,
I've seen a woman's anger melt betwixt the night and morn,
Oh it's surely not a harder thing to tame a woman's scorn

tutti

4. Oh, never say me farewell here, no farewell I'll receive
And you shall set me to the stile and kiss and take your leave
I'll stay until the curlew calls and the martlet takes his wing
Oh, the snow it melts the soonest when the winds begin to sing