

# Oh, the Trees are getting high.

[SURREY.]

*Lento e espressivo.*

"Oh! the trees are get - ting high.... and the

The first system of the musical score. It features a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo/mood is marked 'Lento e espressivo.' The lyrics 'Oh! the trees are get - ting high.... and the' are written below the vocal line.

leaves are growing green; The time is gone and past, my love, that you and I have

*legato.*

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'leaves are growing green; The time is gone and past, my love, that you and I have'. The piano accompaniment includes the instruction 'legato.' in the bass staff.

seen! 'Twas on a win - ter's eve - ning, as I sat all a -

*cresc.* *dim.*

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'seen! 'Twas on a win - ter's eve - ning, as I sat all a -'. The piano accompaniment includes the instructions 'cresc.' and 'dim.' in the bass staff.

- lone, There I spied a bon - ny boy, young, but grow - ing.

The fourth system of the musical score. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics '- lone, There I spied a bon - ny boy, young, but grow - ing.' The piano accompaniment features a final cadence with a double bar line.

1.

"Oh! the trees are getting high, and the leaves are getting green;  
The time is gone and past, my love, that you and I have seen!  
'Twas on a winter's evening, as I sat all alone,  
There I spied a bonny boy, young, but growing.

2.

Oh mother! dear mother! you've done to me much wrong!  
You've married me to a bonny boy, his age it is so young!  
His age is only twelve, and myself scarcely thirteen!"  
Saying "My bonny boy is young, but a-growing."

3.

"It's daughter! dear daughter! I have done to you no wrong;  
I have married you to a bonny boy, he is some rich lord's son,  
And a lady he will make you, that's if you will be made,"  
Saying "Your bonny boy is young, but a-growing."

4.

"Oh mother! dear mother! I'm but a child 'tis true,  
I'll go back to my old college for another year or two;  
I'll cut off my yellow hair, put my box upon my head,  
And I'll gang along with it to the college."

5.

And at the age of thirteen he was a married man;  
And at the age of fourteen he was father of a son;  
And at the age of fifteen then his grave was growing green:  
So there was an end to his growing.

[Sung by Mr Ede, 1896.]