

The Snow It Melts The Soonest

North-England

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The musical score is written in treble clef. The first system is in 4/4 time, with chords Am, Em, Am, Em, Am. The second system is in 4/4 time, with chords Am, Em, Am, D, G/D, D. The third system is in 3/2 time, with chords Am, Em, Am, D, G, F. The fourth system is in 3/2 time, with chords C, F7#, Em, Dm, Am, Em, Am. The lyrics are: 1. The snow it melts the soon-est when the winds be-gin to sing, and the corn it rip - ens fst - est when the frosts are set-ting in. And when a wo - man tells me that my face she'll soon for - get, be - fore__we part__I'll wage a crown, she'll be fain to fol-low it yet.

2. The snow it melts the soonest when the winds begin to sing,
and the swallow flies without a thought as long as it is spring.
But when spring goes and winter blows, my love, then you'll be fain,
for all your pride to follow me across the stormy main.
3. The snow it melts the soonest when the winds begin to sing,
and the bee that flew when summer shone in winter cannot sting.
And I've seen a woman's anger melt between the night and morn,
so it's surely not a harder thing to melt a woman's scorn.
4. Oh, never say me me farewell here, no farewell I'll receive,
for you shall set me to the style, then kiss and take your leave.
And I'll stay here till the woodcock calls and the martin takes the wing,
for the snow it melts the soonest when the winds begin to sing.