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# EARLY ONE MORNING

Traditional English Folk Song



## INSTRUMENTATION

Full Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Violin III (Viola T.C.)	5
Viola	5
Cello/Bass	10

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This folk song is particularly notable for its use in a number of well known folk-song arrangements, for example its usage in the opening bars of the BBC Radio 4 UK Theme by Fritz Spiegel, which until April 2006 was played every morning at 5:30 a.m. Another notable arrangement of the song is by the English composer Benjamin Britten.

Perhaps the most gentle yet long lived use of this tune rests with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) children's programme *The Friendly Giant* which aired between 1958 to 1985 and used *Early One Morning* as its introductory theme. The music was played on recorder by Bob Homme, who passed away in May 2000.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early\\_One\\_Morning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_One_Morning)

Early one morning  
Just as the sun was rising,  
I heard a maid sing,  
In the valley below.

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Gently, but not too slowly  $\text{♩} = 66$

Musical score for measures 1-6. The score consists of four staves: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello/Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 1 starts with a whole rest for Violin I, followed by eighth-note patterns for the other three instruments. Measure 2 begins with eighth-note patterns for all instruments. Measures 3-6 continue with eighth-note patterns, with dynamic markings *p* and *v* appearing in measure 5.

Musical score for measures 7-13. The score consists of four staves: Vln I, Vln II, Vla, and Vc/Cb. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#). Measures 7-13 feature eighth-note patterns with dynamic markings *p*, *v*, and *f*. Measures 8-10 include slurs and grace notes.

Musical score for measures 14-20. The score consists of four staves: Vln I, Vln II, Vla, and Vc/Cb. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#). Measures 14-20 show eighth-note patterns with dynamic markings *v*, *f*, and *p*.

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc  
Cb

28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc  
Cb

35 36 37 38 39 40 41

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc  
Cb

Musical score for strings (Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc/Cb) from measures 42 to 48. The key signature is A major (two sharps). The score shows various rhythmic patterns and dynamics (e.g., eighth-note pairs, sixteenth-note patterns, and quarter notes) across the four staves.

Musical score for strings (Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc/Cb) from measures 49 to 55. The key signature changes to G major (one sharp). The score includes a bass part labeled "+ Bass". The music consists of eighth-note patterns and quarter notes.

Musical score for strings (Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc/Cb) from measures 56 to 62. The key signature is A major (two sharps). The score shows eighth-note patterns and quarter notes. In measure 59, a note is marked "cello only".

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Musical score for measures 83 through 89. The score includes parts for Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc/Cb, and Bass. The key signature is A major (three sharps). Measure 83: Vln I has eighth-note pairs. Measure 84: Vln II has eighth-note pairs. Measure 85: Vla has eighth-note pairs. Measure 86: Vc/Cb has eighth-note pairs. Measure 87: Vln I has eighth-note pairs. Measure 88: Vln II has eighth-note pairs. Measure 89: Vla has eighth-note pairs. Measure 88 is marked with *slight rit.*. Measure 89 ends with a fermata over the bass part.

Musical score for measures 90 through 94. The key signature changes to D major (one sharp). Measure 90: Vln I starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 91: Vln II starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 92: Vla starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 93: Vc/Cb starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 94: Bass starts with a forte dynamic. The tempo is marked as Slower with  $\text{♩} = 60$ .

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