

When Daisies Pied and Violets Blue

Text by *William Shakespeare* (1564-1616) [Br], from *Love's Labour's Lost*, Act V, Scene 2
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And lady-smocks all silver white
[ænd 'leɪ.dɪ,smɔks ɔl 'sɪl.vɛ maɪt]

And lady-smocks all silver white
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo then, on every tree
Mocks married men, for thus sings he, 'Cuckoo;
Cuckoo, cuckoo'— O, word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!

When shepherds pipe on oaten straws,
And merry larks are ploughmen's clocks;
When turtles tread, and rooks, and daws,
And maidens bleach their summer smocks;
The cuckoo then, on every tree
Mocks married men, for thus sings he, 'Cuckoo;
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