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## **Come all ye young lovers**

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A new favourite Song sung by Mr Lowe at Ruckolt House Set by Mr Boyce

First system of musical notation with lyrics: Come

Second system of musical notation with lyrics: all ye young Lovers who wan with despair, Compose Idle Sonnets & sigh for the Fair, who puff up their

Third system of musical notation with lyrics: Pride by enhancing their Charms, And tell them 'tis Heav'n to lye in their Arms,

Fourth system of musical notation with lyrics: Be wife by Example take pattern from me, For let what will happen by jove I'll be

Fifth system of musical notation with lyrics: free. by jove I'll be free For let what will happen by jove I'll be

Sixth system of musical notation with lyrics: free.

2 Young Daphne I saw, in the Net I was caught, I ly'd & I flatter'd as Custom has taught, I press'd her to Bliss, which she granted full soon, But the date of my Passion expir'd with the Moon, She vow'd she was ruin'd I said it might be, I'm sorry my Dear, but by jove I'll be free.

3 The next was young Phillis as bright as the Morn, The Love that I proffer'd she treated with Scorn, I laugh'd at her Folly and told her my Mind, That none can be handsome but such as are kind; Her Pride and ill Nature was lost upon me, For in spite of fair Faces by jove I'll be free.

4 Let others call Marriage the harbour of Joys, Calm Peace I delight in, and fly from all Noise, Some chuse to be hamper'd 'tis sure a strange Rage, And like Birds they sing best w<sup>h</sup> they're put in a Cage, Confinement's the Devil 'twas ne'er made for me, Let who will be Bond-slaves by jove I'll be free.

5 Then let the brisk Bumper run over the Glafs, In a Toast to the young, and beautiful Lads, Who yielding & easy, prescribes no dull Rule, Nor thinks it a wonder a Love, should cool, Let us bill like the Sparrow & rove like the Bee, For in spite of grave Lesons by jove I'll be free.

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