

# Lavender's Blue

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*This is a more modern version of a 16th Century song. It refers to the fall harvest of hay and corn. Corn in England referred to all grains: barley(corn), rye, and wheat. John Barleycorn was the king (spirit) of the harvest.*

<b>C</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>	<b>F</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>
Lavender's Blue, dilly dilly	Lavender's Green
<b>F</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>	<b>F</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>
When I am king, dilly dilly	You shall be queen
<b>C</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>	<b>F</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>
Who told you so, dilly dilly	Who told you so
<b>F</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>	<b>F</b> <b>G7</b> <b>C</b>
'Twas my own heart, dilly dilly	That told me so

Call up your men, dilly dilly	Set them to work
Some with a rake, dilly dilly	Some with a fork
Some to make hay, dilly dilly	Some to thrash corn
While you a I, dilly dilly	Keep ourselves warm

If it should hap*, dilly dilly	If it should chance
We shall be gay, dilly dilly	We shall both dance
Lavender's Blue, dilly dilly	Lavender's Green
When I am king, dilly dilly	You shall be queen

\* happen, gay - happy

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*Traditional 16C version*

**C G7 C** Lavender's Blue, dilly dilly      **F G7 C** Lavender's Green  
**F G7 C** When you are king, dilly dilly      **F G7 C** I shall be queen

Down in yon dale, dilly dilly where flowers grow  
And small birds sing, dilly dilly all in a row

A brisk young man, dilly dilly met with a maid  
And they did lie, dilly dilly all in the shade

There they did lay, dilly dilly and kiss and court  
All the long day, dilly dilly making fine sport

Now you and I, dilly dilly we are all one (*married*)  
And we need lie, dilly dilly nae more alone

Lavender's blue, dilly dilly lavender's green  
Now you are king, dilly dilly and I your queen

Lavender's green, dilly dilly lavender's blue  
You must love me, dilly dilly for I love you