

Summer is icumen in

Anonymous, circa 1226

Round

8 Su-mer is i - cu-men in Lhu-de sing cuc-cu, Gro-weth sed and blo-weth med, And
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8 springh the wu-de nu; Sing cuc - cu; Aw - e ble-teth af - ter lomb, Lhouth
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8 af - ter cal - ve cu; Bul-loc ster-teth, buc-ke ver-teth, Mu-rie sing cuc-cu.
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8 Cuc - cu, Cuc - cu wel sing-ges the cuc-cu, Ne swik thu na-ver nu.

Accompaniment

Sing cuc - cu nu sing cuc-cu.

Parts may be spread over further octaves, eg female voice up an octave, and recorder higher still, so long as no octave is left unfilled.

Middle English: Generally all letters are pronounced.

Translation

Accompaniment: Sing cuckoo now. Sing, Cuckoo.

Summer has arrived, loudly sing, cuckoo!

The seed grows and the meadow blooms

And the wood springs anew, sing, cuckoo!

The ewe bleats after the lamb, the cow lows after the calf.

The bullock stirs, the stag farts, merrily sing, cuckoo!

Cuckoo, cuckoo, well you sing, cuckoo; don't ever you stop now.