

Voices 1 2 (3) (4)
(Voices 5 6)
(Piano)

32. Sumer is icumen in

Anon.
modern English paraphrase by Alan Bullard

Anon. 13th cent.
or possibly by John of Fonsete
with piano part by ALAN BULLARD (b. 1947)

Joyfully ♩ = c.92

VOICES 1 & 2

VOICES 3 & 4

PIANO

Joyfully ♩ = c.92

p cresc.

5

f

Sing cu - cu nu, — sing cu - cu,
Sing cuck - oo, now — sing cuck - oo,

f

Sing cu - cu, sing cu - cu nu, —
Sing cuck - oo, sing cuck - oo, now —

f

This round may be performed in two, three, or four parts, choosing any suitable vocal groupings.

If sung in two parts, follow the Voice 1 and 2 indications (thus the melody is sung by all in unison for the first verse). For the three-part version, omit Voice 4.

The piano part can be omitted for the three-part or four-part version. In this case, two more voice parts may optionally sing bars 5–8 repeated throughout, to form an ostinato.

9

Su - mer is i - cum - en in, Lhu - de sing cu - cu;
 Sum - mer is a - com - ing in, Loud - ly sing cuck - oo;

sing cu - cu,
 sing cuck - oo, Su - mer is i - cum - en in,
 Sum - mer is a - com - ing in,

13

Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med And springth the wud e - nu,
 Seed - lings grow and breez - es blow And all is fresh and new,

Lhu - de sing cu - cu;
 Loud - ly sing cuck - oo; Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med And
 Seed - lings grow and breez - es blow And

17

mf

Sing cu - cu. A - we blet - eth af - ter lomb, Lhouth
 Sing cuck - oo. Bleat - ing sheep and live - ly lambs, And

springth the wud e - nu, Sing cu - cu.
 all is fresh and new, Sing cuck - oo.

mf

21

af - ter cal - ve cu. *Bul - loc stert - eth, buck - e vert - eth,*
cat - tle low - ing too. Calves are jump - ing, bucks ga-lumph - ing,

mf

A - we blet - eth af - ter lomb, Lhouth af - ter cal - ve cu.
Bleat - ing sheep and live - ly lambs, And cat - tle low - ing too.

25

f

Mu - rie sing cu - cu. *Cu - cu, cu - cu*
Mer - ry sing cuck - oo. Cuck - oo, cuck - oo,

f

Bul - loc stert - eth, buck - e vert - eth, Mu - rie sing cu - cu.
Calves are jump - ing, bucks ga-lumph - ing, Mer - ry sing cuck - oo.

29

wel sing-es thu cu - cu, Ne swik thu na - ver nu.
mer - ri - ly sing cuck - oo, And all is born a - nera.

Cu - cu, cu - cu wel sing-es thu cu - cu, Ne
Cuck - oo, Cuck - oo, mer - ri - ly sing cuck - oo, And

VOICE 1
ff
 33
 1 Su - mer is i - cum - en in, — Lhu - de sing cu - cu; Grow - eth sed and
 Sum - mer is a - com - ing in, — Loud - ly sing cuck - oo; Seed - lings grow and

VOICE 2
ff
 2 Sing cu - cu, Su - mer is i - cum - en in, — Lhu - de sing cu -
 Sing cuck - oo. Sum - mer is a - com - ing in, — Loud - ly sing cuck

VOICE 3
ff
 3 swik thu na - ver nu. Sing cu - cu, Su - mer is i -
 all is born a - new. Sing cuck - oo. Sum - mer is a -

VOICE 4
 4 swik thu na - ver nu. Sing cu - cu nu, — sing cu -
 all is born a - new. Sing cuck - oo, now — sing cuck -

ff
 Ped. *sim.*

38
 blow - eth med And springth the wud e - nu, Sing cu -
 breez - es blow and all is fresh and new, Sing cuck -

- cu; Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med And springth the wud e -
 - oo; Seed - lings grow and breez - es blow And all is fresh and

- cum - en in, — Lhu - de sing cu - cu; Grow - eth sed and
 - com - ing in, — Loud - ly sing cuck - oo; Seed - lings grow and

ff
 - cu, Su - mer is i - cum - en in, — Lhu - de sing cu -
 - oo, Sum - mer is a - com - ing in, — Loud - ly sing cuck -

con Ped.

42

-cu.
-oo. A - we blet - eth af - ter lomb, Lhouth af - ter cal - ve
Bleat - ing sheep and live - by lambs, And cat - tle low - ing

-nu,
new, Sing cu - cu. A - we blet - eth
Sing cuck - oo. Bleat - ing sheep and

blow - eth med And springth the wud c - nu, Sing cu -
breez - es blow And all is fresh and new, Sing cuck -

-cu;
-oo; Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med And springth the wud c -
Seed - lings grow and breez - es blow And all is fresh and

46

cu.
too. *f* Bul - loc stert - eth, buck - e vert - eth, *ff* Mu - rie sing cu -
Calves are jump - ing, bucks ga - lumph - ing, Mer - ry sing cuck -

af - ter lomb, Lhouth af - ter cal - ve cu. *f* Bul - loc stert - eth,
live - by lambs, And cat - tle low - ing too. Calves are jump - ing,

-cu.
-oo. A - we blet - eth af - ter lomb, Lhouth af - ter cal - ve
Bleat - ing sheep and live - by lambs, And cat - tle low - ing

-nu,
new, Sing cu - cu. A - we blet - eth
Sing cuck - oo. Bleat - ing sheep and

50

- cu. Cu - cu, cu - cu wel sing - es thu
 - oo. Cuck - oo, cuck - oo, mer - ri - ly sing

ff

buck - e vert - eth, Mu - rie sing cu - cu. Cu - cu,
 bucks ga-lumph - ing, Mer - ry sing cuck - oo. Cuck - oo,

f *ff*

cu. Bul - loc stert - eth, buck - e vert - eth, Mu - rie sing cu -
 too. Calves are jump - ing, bucks ga-lumph - ing, Mer - ry sing cuck -

f

af - ter lomb, Lhouth af - ter cal - ve cu. Bul - loc stert - eth,
 live - by lambs, And cat - tle low - ing too. Calves are jump - ing,

ff

54

cu - cu, Ne swik thu na - ver nu. Sing cu - cu nu,
 cuck - oo, And all is born a - neu. Sing cuck - oo, now -

cu - cu wel sing - es thu cu - cu, Ne swik thu na - ver nu.
 cuck - oo, mer - ri - ly sing cuck - oo, And all is born a - neu.

- cu. Cu - cu, cu - cu wel sing - es thu cu - cu, Ne
 - oo. Cuck - oo, cuck - oo, mer - ri - ly sing cuck - oo, And

ff

buck - e vert - eth, Mu - rie sing cu - cu. Cu - cu, cu - cu
 bucks ga-lumph - ing, Mer - ry sing cuck - oo. Cuck - oo, cuck - oo,

sw

59

sing cu - cu nu, sing cu - cu, cu -
 sing cuck - oo, now sing cuck - oo, cuck -
 Sing cu - cu nu, sing cu - cu nu,
 Sing cuck - oo, now sing cuck - oo, now
 swik thu na - ver nu. Sing cu - cu nu,
 all is born a - new. Sing cuck - oo, now
 wel sing-es thu cu - cu, Ne swik thu na - ver nu.
 mer - ri - ly sing cuck - oo, And all is born a - new.

63

- cu, cu - cul *fff*
 - oo, cuck - oo! *fff*
 sing cu - cul *fff*
 sing cuck - oo! *fff*
 sing cu - cul *fff*
 sing cuck - oo! *fff*
 Sing cu - cul *fff*
 Sing cuck - oo! *fff*

Ped.