A round from the mid 13th century with a 2-part accompanying ostinato or pez.

Both melody and pez are playable on C and F instruments and any combination of sizes will work. As a round it can accommodate up to 12 individual entries, starting two bars apart.

Words in a form of Middle Engliush:

Symer is icumen in,

Lhude sing cuccu!

Groweb sed and bloweb med

And springb be wde nu,

Sing cuccu!

Awe bleteb after lomb,

Lhoup after calue cu.

Bulluc sterteb, bucke uerteb,

Murie sing cuccu!

Cuccu, cuccu, wel singes bu, cuccu;

Ne swik bu nauer nu.

Translation:

Summer has come in,

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 buck-goat turns,

Merrily sing, Cuckoo!

Cuckoo, cuckoo, well you sing, cuckoo;

Don't you ever stop now,

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Sumer is icumen in (Pez)











