

Sumer is Icumen In

Anon. (13th c.)

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Su - mer is i - cum - en in Lhu - de sing cuc - cu

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Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med and springth the wu - de nu

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Sing cuc - cu! Aw - e ble - teth af - ter lomb, lhouth

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af - ter cal - ve cu. Bul - luc stert - eth, buc - ke vert - eth,

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mu - rie sing cuc - cu! Cuc - cu, cuc - cu,

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wel sing-es thu cuc - cu, ne swik thu na - ver nu!

Modern English

Summer has arrived,
Loudly sing, cuckoo!
The seed is growing
And the meadow is blooming,
And the wood is coming into leaf now,
Sing, cuckoo!

The ewe is bleating after her lamb,
The cow is lowing after her calf;
The bullock is prancing,
The billy-goat farting, (or the stag cavorting)
Sing merrily, cuckoo!

Cuckoo, cuckoo,
You sing well, cuckoo,
Never stop now.

Sing, cuckoo, now; sing, cuckoo;
Sing, cuckoo; sing, cuckoo, now!