

Sumer is icumen in

From the manuscript:

This canon may be sung by four companions, but ought not to be sung by fewer than three, or two at the least, in addition to the two who sing the pes. It is sung thus: one singer begins with those who maintain the pes, the others being silent, and when he comes to the first note after the cross-sign another begins, and so with the other singers. Each one shall be silent at the written rests, and not else- where, for the time of one long note.

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 Su - mer is i - cu - men in, lhu - de sing cuc - cu.

 Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med and spring the wu - de nu.

 Sing cuc - cu. A - we ble - teth af - ter lomb, lhouth

 af - ter cal - ve cu. Bul - luc ster - teth, buck - e ver - teth

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

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

Pes

 Sing cuc - cu nu, Sing cuc - cu.

One repeats this as often as necessary, making a rest at the end.

 Sing cuc - cu, Sing cuc - cu nu,

One sings this, making a rest in the middle and not at the end, but immediately repeating the beginning.

‡ Small notes correspond to changes made in the manuscript at a later date.