

# Sumer is Icumen In

Performance suggestion

Anonymous 13th century

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Voice parts can  
be in any  
combination

Musical score for the first system, consisting of four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The first staff has a treble clef and contains a whole rest followed by a repeat sign and a quarter note G4. The second staff has a treble clef and contains a whole rest followed by a repeat sign and a whole rest. The third staff has a treble clef and contains a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest, repeat sign, quarter note G4, quarter note A4. The fourth staff has a treble clef and contains a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest, repeat sign, quarter note G4, quarter note A4. The lyrics are: Su - mer is i - [Su - mer Is I -

Add bottom part  
for third time

Sing four or more times

Musical score for the second system, consisting of four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The first staff has a treble clef and contains a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest, quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest. The lyrics are: cum - en in — Lhu - de sing cu - cu; Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med, and ku - men In — lu dæ siŋ ku - ku gro ɛθ sɛd and blo ɛθ mɛd and. The second staff has a treble clef and contains a whole rest followed by a repeat sign and a whole rest. The third staff has a treble clef and contains a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest, quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest. The lyrics are: cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu —. The fourth staff has a treble clef and contains a quarter note G4, quarter rest, quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter rest. The lyrics are: cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu,

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springth the wo - de new, Sing Cu - cu; Aw - e ble - teth  
 sprlŋθ ðæ wŪ dæ nu slŋ ku - ku ɔ wæ blɛ tɛθ

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu -

Sing, cuc - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc -

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aft - er lomb, Lhouth aft - er cal - ve cu; Bul - loc ster - teth buck - e ver - teth,  
 af ter lōm luθ af ter kal væ ku bōl: lok stɛr tɛθ bō kə fer tɛθ

cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu

cu, nu Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu

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Mu-rie sing Cu - cu. Cu - cu, Cu - cu, Wel sing-es thu Cu - cu\_\_ Ne  
 mu ri slj ku - ku wEl slj Es ðu ku ku\_\_ nE

Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_ Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_

Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu\_\_ Sing, cu - cu,

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swik thu nav - er nu. swIk ðu na vEr nu.

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_ Sing, cu - cu

Sing, cuc - cu, nu\_\_ Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu\_\_

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Su - mer is i - cum - en in — Lhu - de sing cu - cu; Grow - eth sed and  
 [Su - mer Is I - ku - men In — lu dæ siŋ ku - ku gro Ʒθ sƷd and

Su - mer is i - cum - en in — Lhu - de sing cu -  
 [Su - mer Is I - ku - men In — lu dæ siŋ ku -

Sing, cu - cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu -

Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu — Sing, cu -

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blow - eth med, and springth the wo - de new, Sing Cu - cu;  
 blo Ʒθ mƷd and sprIŋθ ðæ wŪ dæ nu slŋ ku - ku

cu; Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med, and springth the wo - de new,  
 ku gro Ʒθ sƷd and blo Ʒθ mƷd and sprIŋθ ðæ wŪ dæ nu

cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu —

cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu,

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Aw - e ble-teth aft - er lomb, Lhouth aft - er cal - ve cu;  
 ɔ wə blɛ tɛθ af ter lɔm luθ af ter kal və ku Bul - loc ster-teth  
 bo:l lok stɛr tɛθ

Sing Cu - cu; Aw - e ble-teth aft - er lomb, Lhouth aft - er cal - ve  
 slɪj ku - ku ɔ wə blɛ tɛθ af ter lɔm luθ af ter kal və

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu -

Sing, cuc - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc -

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buck - e ver - teth, Mu - rie sing Cu - cu. Cu - cu, Cu - cu,  
 bɔ kə fer tɛθ mu ri slɪj ku - ku

cu; Bul - loc ster - teth buck - e ver - teth, Mu - rie sing Cu - cu.  
 ku bo:l lok stɛr tɛθ bɔ kə fer tɛθ mu ri slɪj ku - ku

cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu

cu, nu Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu

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Wel sing - es thu Cu - cu — Ne swik thu nav - er nu.  
 wEl slŋ Ʒs ðu ku ku — nƷ swlk ðu na vƷr nu.

Cu - cu, Cu - cu, Wel sing - es thu Cu - cu — Ne swik thu nav - er  
 wEl slŋ Ʒs ðu ku ku — nƷ swlk ðu na vƷr

Sing, cu - cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu -

Sing, cu - cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu — Sing, cu -

Repeat with various number of voices  
in canon, up to one each measure!

Then consider this "swung"  
triplet version!

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nu.  
nu.

cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu —

cu, Sing, cuc - cu, nu — Sing, cu - cu,

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Su - mer is i - cu - men in, \_\_\_

Sing, cu - cu, nu \_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu \_\_\_

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu \_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu

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Lhu-de sing cuc-cu. Grow-eth sed and blow-eth med and springth the wo - de nu.

Su - mer is i - cu - men in, \_\_\_ Lhu - de sing cuc-cu.

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu \_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu

Sing, cu - cu, nu \_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu \_\_\_

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Sing cuc - cu. Aw - e blet - eth af - ter lomb, lhouth  
 Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med and springth the wo - de nu.  
 Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu  
 Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_\_\_

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af - ter cal - ve cu. Bul - loc stert - eth, buck - e vert - eth, mu - rie sing cuc - cu.  
 Sing cuc - cu. Aw - e blet - eth af - ter lomb, lhouth af - ter cal - ve cu.  
 Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_\_\_  
 Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu\_\_\_\_ Sing, cu - cu



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Cuc - cu, cuc - cu, Wel sing-es thu cuc - cu, ne swik thu na-ver nu.

Bul-loc stert-eth, buck - e vert-eth, mu - rie sing cuc - cu. Cuc - cu, cuc - cu,

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu

Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu

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Last time

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

Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu

Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu Sing, cu - cu Sing, cu - cu, nu