

Sumer is icumen in

English - early 14th century

Rota

The Rota section consists of five staves of music in 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Su-mer is i - cu-men in, Lhu-de sing cuc - cu Grow-eth sed and blow-eth med and spring-eth wo-de nu Sing cuc - cu Aw-e ble-teth af-ter lomb, lhouth af-ter cal-ve cu. Bul - luc ster - teth buck - e ver - teth mu - rie sing cuc - cu! Cuc - cu, cuc - cu wel sing-es thu cuc - cu, ne swik thu na - ver nu!" There is an asterisk above the first staff and another above the fifth staff.

Pes

The Pes section consists of one staff of music in 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Sing cuc - cu nu, Sing cuc - cu!" There is an asterisk above the staff.

Summer has come in -- loudly sing cuckoo!
The seed grows and the meadow blossoms
And the wood now puts forth shoots.
Sing cuckoo!
The ewe bleats for the lamb,
The cow lows for the calf,
The bullock leaps, the buck breaks wind--
Merrily sing cuckoo!
Well do you sing, cuckoo!
Do not ever cease now.