

Cantigas de Santa Maria of Alfonso X, el Sabio

A Performing Edition

Volume 1 - Prologo to CSM 100

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This document contains the Preface, Introduction, bibliography and CSM 0, 1, 2, 9 & 10 only.

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Preface

I recently completed a set of transcriptions of the Cantigas d'amigo by Martin Codax and the Llibre Vermell as I felt that there was no readily available set of transcriptions of either group of songs and wanted to fill that gap. I have been persuaded that there is also a gap in transcriptions of the Cantigas de Santa Maria. The only complete edition is that of Anglés (3 volumes with facsimile and commentary) but it is not in print, is prohibitively expensive if it can be found, and is found in very few libraries. This is my attempt to present the Cantigas in an affordable published form to those interested in performing more than the handful of transcriptions readily available.

This booklet covers the first 101 cantigas from the Prologue to CSM 100. The numbering and most transcriptions are based on the Escorial manuscript (E₁); the same basis used by Anglés in his edition. Time and energy permitting I hope to produce another three volumes of approximately 100 transcriptions to complete the set of over 400 cantigas from E₁.

I have produced these transcriptions as a performer and for other performers. It is not intended to be a Critical Edition nor a work of exhaustive scholarship. As a performer I do not feel tied to one musical theory concerning the cantiga notation or period style and I believe performers are in the best position to explore different approaches to performance. This approach can be open to extremes but, if we keep in mind a clear distinction between what is known and what is speculation, then it is also useful tool for questioning (and supporting) conventional thinking.

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The transcriptions of melodies and texts are taken from the facsimiles of the manuscripts. These facsimiles have been made available to a wider public thanks to Greg Lindahl who has created a website with scans from the Anglés edition of E₁ and the Ribera edition of To. (and to many other links). Many thanks to him for providing the resources allowing me to get started.

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Introduction

The Cantigas de Santa María

The *Cantigas de Santa María* are a group of over 400 songs praising, and recounting miracles performed by, the Virgin Mary. These have been preserved in four remarkable manuscripts dating from c.1270-84. They were compiled under the patronage of Alfonso X, el Sabio (the Wise), king of Castile and León and are written in Galician-Portuguese, the literary language of the court of Alfonso.

The Prologue, CSM 1 and every tenth cantiga is a song of praise to the Virgin Mary or *Cantiga de Loor*. All the others narrate the miracles associated with Mary. There are also two small groups of cantigas added later called the *Cantigas das Fiestas de Santa María* and *Cantigas das Festas de Nostro Sennor*.

The Transcriptions

No one as yet has put forward a generally accepted theory explaining the notation system used in the cantigas manuscripts. The complete edition by Anglés remains the benchmark both for academics and performers and is by far the most common source for performance – not surprising as it currently is the only complete source of transcriptions. More recently Ferreira, van der Werf and Cunningham have written on the subject with a more systematic approach. Of the three, only Cunningham has applied his ideas to create commercially available transcriptions and he has only covered the cantigas de loor (40 in all) but, in my opinion, his approach does not always produce viable and satisfying results.

Following Anglés I have used the Escorial manuscript (E₁) as the basis of the set of transcriptions. Ferreira argues, quite convincingly, that the Toledo manuscript (To.) is the earlier and more accurate but as it contains only around 120 of the cantigas I have decided to use the more complete source and use To. as a cross-reference.

This collection is not meant to be an authoritative edition. I have decided to take a pragmatic approach and have tried to give transcriptions of all cantigas that balance ‘performability’ with an attempt to stay as close as possible to the set of literal values for the symbols in the manuscript that I have outlined below. There is also the matter of producing a musically satisfying result. This raises the thorny issue of whether “musically satisfying” to the modern ear is a valid gauge for transcriptions of medieval music. Inevitably there will be an element of subjectivity in any transcription of medieval music and, though I would love to reproduce medieval music as it was performed originally, we can never really know what it was like. We can use what information we have but the music is filtered through our own perceptions and ultimately through those of our audiences.

A number of different approaches have been used to produce these transcriptions and sometimes two similarly notated cantigas have been transcribed with different rhythms (cf. CSM 10 and 41). I do not assume that all the cantigas are in some form of ternary rhythm. I have explored the possibilities for binary rhythms and larger groupings of rhythms more common outside the closed world of Parisian music theory of the medieval period.¹ Some of the cantigas clearly are in a modal rhythm (see below) but very few adhere strictly to the rules. Even where a song clearly starts in a modal rhythm there are often irregularities in heading towards cadences.

In many of the cantigas I have assumed, like Anglés, that the notation is basically mensural (each note or ligature has a fixed duration irrespective of context) but, unlike Anglés, have accepted that there are some ambiguous symbols. I have interpreted these symbols flexibly where I feel it would otherwise break the flow of the melody, but the flow may not necessarily follow an even rhythm. Much of the difficulty in understanding the rhythm of the cantigas I believe stems from the

¹ Some possibilities are discussed by Ferreira in ‘Andalusian Music and the Cantigas de Santa María’.

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possibility that uneven, or irregular, rhythms were present but without a notation system suited to recording them.

Rhythmic Modes

1 st	J J J J ...	e.g. CSM 21 (with occasional 2 nd)
2 nd	J J J J ...	e.g. CSM 8
3 rd	J. J J J. J J ...	e.g. CSM 17
4 th	J J J. J J J. ...	
5 th	J. J. J. J. ...	
6 th	J J J J J J J J ...	

In effect the 4th and 5th modes are not used in the cantigas and the 6th used only rarely.

Other rhythmic patterns used in transcriptions

Binary	J J ... or J J J ...	e.g. CSM 25, 26
3+2	J J J J J J ...	e.g. CSM 5, 10
3+3+2+2	J J J J J J J J ...	e.g. CSM 9
3+3+2+2+3+3	J J J J J J J J ...	e.g. CSM 15 (variant in note)

Most of the cantigas seem to be in some form of ternary or binary rhythm with ‘building blocks’ of long and short notes or ligatures (longs or L, and breves or B). These blocks can be further subdivided (breves can be divided into semibreves or S) but for rhythmic purposes L and B are the basic elements. L can be thought of as 2 tempora (or beats) and B as one. A ‘perfection’ is a group of three tempora, e.g. LB or BL. L can also be ‘perfected’, that is, increased to a value of 3 tempora (indicated as L+).

The one-note and most of the two-note symbols have a clear mensural value. Below is a table with the values I have assumed for most of the ligatures used in the manuscripts in terms of duration – L or B.

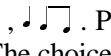
L	J J J J J J J J J J ?? J J J J
B	J B B B B B B B B B ?? B B B B

The problems occur mostly with the value of J and B which appear to be used inconsistently between cantigas for both L and B, though they usually have the same value within a particular cantiga. In some cantigas they seem to be used indiscriminately (and possibly interchangeably) with J and B. My initial assumptions when transcribing J and B is to assign them a value of B though as often as not in the finished transcription they are given as L.

Three-note ligatures are generally transcribed as L or perfected to L+. My initial assumptions were:

L	J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J
L+	J. J J J J J J J J J J J J J

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The actual value of the component notes of a ligature is also a matter of conjecture. For example, many different ligatures are used for 3 falling notes – it is probable that they were performed in contrasting ways, e.g.  . Practically it is not of great importance; the flow and pulse of the melody remains the same. The choice is largely a matter of performance style and taste.

Generally, plicated ligatures (rising or falling stem on the right side) are transcribed as a quaver with stroke through the stem and subtracts its value from the previous note, e.g.  =  . The performance of plicated ligatures  is another open question. These have been transcribed as B-B with a cross bar on the stem of the lesser note, eg  . They could be  ; again it is matter of taste and context.

Where a cantiga naturally falls into ternary rhythm (with little use of perfection on longs) I generally have adopted it and have looked no further for other rhythmic solutions. These ternary rhythms are usually a mix of 1st and 2nd mode rhythms. In other cases, perfection has not always been applied to longs where, by not doing so, it produces a regular rhythm on a larger scale than those available to modal rhythms – usually mixtures of 3 and 2, e.g. 3+2, 3+3+2+2. Occasionally there appears to be no regular rhythm that fits the notation so I have given these in an unmeasured transcription. Where there appear to be other rhythmic options I have given notes as to possible other interpretations.

Generally, I have not followed the practice of alteration (altering the length of the second of a pair breves followed by a longa to make the pair of breves a perfection, eg BBL becomes |BL| L+) except when transcribing a melody into 3rd mode. As far as I can see, if you assume a ternary rhythm, using a combination of perfection and alteration allows any tune to be wedged into any of the modal rhythms, and therefore it is of no use to justify a choice of rhythm.

While trying to remain as close as possible to the manuscript occasionally I have changed explicit note values where these have an analogous note elsewhere in the cantiga or where the rhythm in To. implies the change. I have noted these in each cantiga. For a few cantigas I have used To. as the basis where it seems to have a clearer indication of the rhythm.

The Texts

The texts given with the transcriptions are literal readings of the first stanzas in E₁ and allowances must be made for my limited knowledge of palaeography and Old Galician-Portuguese. I have made no attempt to edit these apart from expanding scribal shorthand notations, e.g. per, que, nn, deus. I have given sources for complete editions of the lyrics and translations in the bibliography. Often the full texts are also available on the internet – the best way to find them is to search on the first two or three words.

The Cantigas

Prologo – Por que trobar e cousa

Por que tro - bar e cou - sa en que iaz
en - ten - di - men - to po - ren que - no faz
a - o d'a - ver e de ra - zon as - saz,
per que en - ten - da'e sa - bi - a di - zer
o que en - ten - de de di - zer lle praz,
ca ben tro - bar as - si s'a de ffa - zer.

This piece is an introduction to the collection of songs in praise of, and miracles about, the Virgin. It is unusual in the cantigas because it is through-composed in the manner often used by the troubadours (the only other through-composed cantiga in the first 100 is CSM 1). A rhythmically free interpretation stressing the lyrics would appear to be justified.

Cantiga 1 – Des oge mais

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for a single voice. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with several fermatas (double vertical lines) placed above notes in the first, third, fifth, and eighth staves. The lyrics are in Portuguese and describe various divine attributes and actions.

Des o - ge mais quer eu tro - bar
po - la Se - nnor on - rra - da,
en que Deus quis car - ne fi - llar,
be - ey - ta e sa - gra - da,
por nos dar gran sol - da - da
no seu Rey - no e nos er - dar
por seus de sa mas - na - da
de vi - da per - lon - ga - da,

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff has six measures, and the bottom staff has five measures. The notes are represented by vertical stems with horizontal dashes above them, indicating pitch and rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The first of the Cantigas de Loor in praise of the Virgin. These occur every tenth cantiga after the first (10, 20, etc.). Unusual in being through-composed song with no refrain .

Both Anglés and Cunningham (and therefore nearly all performers) transcribe this cantiga in D mode with a B♭ throughout. E₁ though has a ♭ clef (with no B♭) except in the line in the manuscript ‘Deus quis carne fillar beeyta’ where it changes to ♭ and therefore should only effect the B at 3.6 and probably, by analogy, 6.6. To. has no occurrences of B♭. It was acceptable medieval practice to flatten a B when it is between two As which covers most of the occurrences.

Cantiga 2 – Muito devemos

Refrain

Mui-to de - ve - mos, va - rō - es,
lo - ar a San - ta Ma - ri - a,
que sas gra - cas et seus do - es
da a quen por e - la fi - a.

Stanza

Sen mui - ta de bō - a ma - nna
que deu a un seu pre - la - do,
que pri - ma - do foi d'Es - pa - nna
et Af - fons' e - ra cha - ma - do,

deull hú - a tal ves - ti - du - ra

que trou - xe de pa - ra - ý - so,

ben fey - ta a ssa me - su - ra,

por que me - te - ra seu si - so

en a lo - ar noý - t'e di - a.

The first of the cantigas recounting miracles of the Virgin.

If a ternary rhythm is implied in the notation, it appears to use the ligature **■** as S-S at 3.5, 5.5, 7.5 and 12.5, and as B-B at 4.6, 6.6, 8.6 and 13.6.

Cantiga 9 – Por que nos aiamos

Refrain

Por que nos a - ia - mos sem - pre, noit' e di - a,
de - la re-nen - bran - çã, en Do - mas a - cha - mos
que San - ta Ma - ri - a fez gran de-mos - tran - çã.

Stanza

En es - ta ci - da - de, que vos ei ia di - ta,
ouv' y hú - a do - na de mui san - ta vi - da,
mui fa - ze - dor d'al - gu'e de to - do mal qui - ta,
ri - ca e mui no - bre e de ben com - pri - da.

Musical notation on three staves in G clef, common time. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Staff 1:

Mas, por que sa - biá - mos co - mo non que - ri - a

Staff 2:

do mun - do ga - ban - ça, co - mo fez di - ga - mos

Staff 3:

hú' al - ber - ga - ri - a, u fi - llou mo - ran - ça.

This cantiga is given with a literal transcription (with unperfected long). The rhythm can be seen as phrases of 3+3+2+2.

Cantiga 10 – Rosa das rosas

Refrain

Ro - sa das ro - sas e Fror das fro-res,

Do - na das do - nas, Se - nnor das se - nno-res.

Stanza

Ro - sa de bel - dad e de pa - re - cer

e Fror d'a - le - gri - a e de pra - zer,

Do - na en mui pi - a - do - sa se - er,

Se - nnor en to - ller coi - tas e do - o - res.

This cantiga is normally given in 3rd rhythmic mode. This is a literal transcription which produces a 5/4 rhythm (7/4 at ends of phrases) or could be performed freely. To perform in 3rd mode lengthen the first note or ligature of each measure to L+. For the first line this would be:



List of Incipits

- | | | | |
|----|---|-----|--|
| 86 | Acorrer nos pode e de mal guardar | 27 | Non devemos por maravilla teer |
| 65 | A creer devemos que todo pecado | 50 | Non deve null ome desto per ren dultar |
| 68 | A Groriosa grandes faz | 26 | Non e gran cousa se sabe |
| 51 | A Madre de Deus devemos teer | 78 | Non pode prender nunca |
| 89 | A Madre de Deus onrrada | 93 | Nulla enfermidade non é de sãar |
| 4 | A Madre do que livrou | 75 | Omildade con pobreça |
| 83 | Aos seus acomendados | 35 | O que a Santa Maria der algo ou prometer |
| 6 | A que do bon rey Davi | 12 | O que a Santa Maria mais despraz |
| 67 | A Reýnna groriosa | 84 | O que en Santa Maria |
| 82 | A Santa Maria mui bon servir faz | 25 | Pagar ben pod o que dever |
| 13 | Assi como Jesu-Cristo estand ena cruz | 14 | Par Deus, muit' é gran razon |
| 96 | Atal Sennor é bôa que faz salvalo pecador | 81 | Par Deus tal sennor muito val |
| 55 | A tant e Santa Maria | 85 | Pera toller gran perfia |
| 41 | A Virgen, Madre de Nostro Sennor | 38 | Pois que Deus quis da Virgen fillo |
| 42 | A Virgen mui groriosa Reya espiritual | 18 | Por nos de dulta tirar |
| 91 | A Virgen nos da saude tolle mal | 46 | Por que aian de seer |
| 45 | A Virgen Santa Maria tant e de gran piedade | 43 | Por que e Santa Maria |
| 8 | A Virgen Santa Maria todos a loar devemos | 9 | Por que nos aiamos |
| 97 | A Virgen sempr' acorrer acorrer | *0 | Porque trobar e cousa |
| 79 | Ay Santa Maria quen se per vos guya | 66 | Quantos en Santa Maria |
| 49 | Ben com' aos que van per mar | 72 | Quem diz mal da Reýna Espiritual |
| 73 | Ben pod as cousas feas remosas tornar | 95 | Quen aos servos da Virgen |
| 23 | Como Deus fez vynno d'agua | 5 | Quen as coitas deste mundo |
| 53 | Como pod a Groriosa mui ben enfermos saar | 76 | Quen a sas figuras da Virgen partir |
| 80 | De graça chéa e damor | 59 | Quena Virgen ben servir nunca podera falir |
| 77 | Da que Deus mamou leite do seu peito | 63 | Quen ben serv' a Madre |
| 58 | De muitas guyosas nos guarda de mal | 16 | Quen dona fremosa e boa quiser amar |
| 1 | Des oge mais quer eu trobar | 44 | Quen fier na Madre do Salvador |
| 40 | Deus te salve groriosa Reya Maria | 32 | Quen loar podia com ela queria |
| 94 | De vergonna nos guardar | 64 | Quen mui ben quiser |
| 70 | Eno nome de Maria | 74 | Quen Santa Maria quiser deffender |
| 60 | Entre ave Eva | 88 | Quen servir a Madre |
| 61 | Fol é o que cuyda | 10 | Rosa das rosas e Fror das frores |
| 56 | Gran dereit é de seer | 7 | Santa Maria amar |
| 34 | Gran dereit e que fill'o | 69 | Santa Maria os enfermos sãa |
| 33 | Gran poder a de mandar | 21 | Santa Maria pod' enfermos guarir |
| 19 | Gran sandece faz | 92 | Santa Maria poder á |
| 11 | Macar ome per folia | 62 | Santa Maria semplos seus aiuda |
| 24 | Madre de Deus non pod' errar | 100 | Santa Maria Stela do dia |
| 3 | Mais nos faz Santa Maria | 17 | Sempre seia beeita e loada |
| 37 | Miragres fremosos faz por nos Santa Maria | 71 | Se muito non amamos |
| 52 | Mui gran dereit é das bestias | 90 | Sola fusti senlleira |
| 57 | Mui grandes noit e dia | 31 | Tanto se Deus me perdon |
| 22 | Mui gran poder á a Madre de Deus | 48 | Tanto son da Groriosa |
| 36 | Muit' amar devemos en nossas voontades | 54 | Toda saude de Santa Reýa |
| 2 | Muito devemos varões | 28 | Todo logar mui ben pode sseer defendudo |
| 87 | Muito punna dos seus onrrar | 15 | Todolos Santos que son Ceo |
| 99 | Muito sse deven téer | 39 | Torto seria grand e desmesura |
| 30 | Muito valvera mais, se Deus manpar | 20 | Virga de Jesse |
| 29 | Nas mentes sempre teer | 47 | Virgen Santa Maria guarda nos se te praz |
| 98 | Non deva Santa Maria mercée pedir | | |

*0 = Prologo

Cross-reference of E₁ with To.

E ₁ number	To.	
	Ribera's number	Codex number
(0)	1	Prologo
1	2	I
2	3	II
3	4	III
4	5	IV
5	20	XIX
6	6	V
7	7	VI
8	9	VIII
9	10	IX
10	11	X
11	12	XI
12	14	XIII
13	15	XIV
14	16	XV
15	34	XXXIII
16	13	XII
17	8	VII
18	17	XVI
19	19	XVIII
20	21	XX
21	27	XXVI
22	23	XXII
23	24	XXIII
24	18	XVII
25	39	XXXVIII
26	25	XXIV
27	26	XXV
28	28	XXVII
29	30	XXIX
30	41	XL

E ₁ number	To.	
	Ribera's number	Codex number
31	33	XXXII
32	35	XXXIV
33	36	XXXV
34	37	XXXVI
35	93	XCII
36	38	XXXVII
37	40	XXXIX
38	42	XLI
39	44	XLIII
40	31	XXX
41	45	XLIV
42	58	LVII
43	57 & 129	LVI 129 = no 57 from E ₂
44	59	LVIII
45	84	LXXXIII
46	60	LIX
47	62	LXI
48	63	LXII
49	64	LXIII
50	61	LX
51	65	LXIV
52	67	LXVI
53	68	LXVII
54	70	LXIX
55	87	LXXXVI
56	72	LXXI
57	73	LXXII
58	74	LXXIII
59	76	LXXV

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60	71	LXX
61	48	XLVII
62	50	XLIX
63	52	LI
64	53	LII
65	89	LXXXVIII
66	79	LXXVIII
67	66	LXVI
68	69	LXVIII
69	55	LIV
70	81	LXXX
71	92	XCI
72	127	XIII de otras
73	90	LXXXIX
74	88	LXXXVII
75	100	XLIX
76	-	-
77	-	-
78	54	LIV
79	43	XLII
80	91	XC
81	49	XLVIII

E ₁ number	To.	
	Ribera's number	Codex number
82	117	V de otras
83	128	XIV de otras
84	99	XCVIII
85	-	-
86	29	XXVIII
87	22	XXI
88	124	XI de otras
89	125	XII de otras
90	-	-
91	83	LXXXII
92	86	LXXXV
93	-	-
94	32	XXXI
95	-	-
96	-	-
97	120	VIII de otras
98	95	XCIV
99	-	-
100	123	X (sic) de loor

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	E ₂ = ‘codice rico’	= MS. T.I.1 = T.J.1 = T.j.1
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1 Einleitung

1.1 Was das Buch bietet

Der Codex Verus, was übrigens ‚wahres Buch‘ oder damit auch ‚reales Buch‘ bedeutet, ist eine Liedersammlung, die das Repertoire der *mittelalternativen* (s.u.) Musik sammeln und veröffentlichen will. Also all die Stücke die von Gruppen des Genres gespielt werden, egal ob diese nun original Melodien des Mittelalters, Melodien des 16. Jahrhunderts oder jünger, bis hin zu zeitgenössischen, teilweise vermündlichten, Neukompositionen der Szene sind. Getreu des Vorbildes, dem Realbook des Jazz, versucht es damit die sogenannten *Standards* allen Interessierten kostenlos zur Verfügung zu stellen.

Dabei wird versucht auf die tatsächliche musikalische Praxis einzugehen. Es werden die Melodien gesammelt, die auch gespielt werden, in der Form, oder in einem Konsens¹, in der die Musik populär und bekannt geworden ist, egal ob die Melodie ‚in echt‘ anders ginge oder ob die hier aufgeführte nur eine populärere Variante sei.

Das Repertoire

Die ursprünglichen Vorlagen für mittelalternative Musik waren einstimmige Lieder und ein paar wenige Instrumentalstücke, oft aus dem Hochmittelalter (Minnesang, Troubadore, spanische Cantigas) entnommen, da man diese auf dem Standardinstrument, dem dorischen Mittelaltermarkt-Dudelsack, liebevoll auch Marktschwein genannt, am besten spielen konnte. Das Instrument ist, ohne optisches und bautechnisches Vorbild zu einem Instrument vergangener Epochen (speziell nicht aus dem Mittelalter), aus der Schottischen ‚Great Highland Bagpipe‘ entwickelt worden und auch bautechnisch mit ihr verwandt. Aufgrund der großen Lautstärke, dem Bordunklang, der unabhängig davon ob die Quelle Bordunmusik war oder nicht² eingesetzt wurde und somit aus allem Bordunmusik machte, sowie der Begleitung mit Trommeln hat sich ein spezifischer Klang entwickelt der sich leicht auf alle denkbaren Melodien übertragen lassen konnte.

Der spezifische Klang ist so überzeugend und eigenständig, dass sich andere Melodien, z.B. Renaissancetänze, zeitgenössische Eigenkompositionen, Rock&Pop-Melodien, Folklore aus aller Welt und noch viele weitere aufführen lassen, ohne dass Laie auf diesem Gebiet einen deutlichen Unterschied hören würde. Natürlich gehen nicht spezielle charakteristische Merkmale einer Melodie verloren, jedoch alles was evtl. noch

¹ Siehe Kapitel 2

² Meistens nicht. Alle drei obigen Beispiele sind einstimmige Musik, aber keine Bordunmusik.

zu ihr gehörte (Harmonie, Klangfarben etc.). In dieser Klangvorstellung gibt es natürlich noch mehr Instrumente als das Marktschwein, um es mal beim Namen zu nennen, allerdings ist kein anderes so repräsentativ und wichtig für das hier behandelte Genre.

Die angesprochenen Stück werden also nun hier gesammelt und wieder verbreitet und somit mehr Musikern zugänglich gemacht, damit die Melodien sich verändern, Arrangements geschaffen werden und auf ihrer Grundlage neues erschaffen wird. Eine Entwicklung die zu Begrüßen ist, wenn man sich Parallelen zu Jazzstandards ansieht.

Die Praxis zeigt, dass sich inzwischen feste Stimmungen und Tonarten etabliert haben und man als Interpret somit in der Lage ist spontan mit anderen, fremden, Musikern zusammen Stücke zu spielen ‚die man halt so kennt‘, da Instrumente gleich gestimmt sind und man eine kompatible musikalische Vorstellung hat. So mit hat man mit diesen Stücken eine Grundlage für Improvisation, Stilbildung und Klangideal für weitere Stücke, etwa Eigenkompositionen.

Bevor es aber nun zu diesen Stücken kommt sollen noch einige wichtige Zeilen zum musikalischen Selbstverständnis gesagt werden.

1.2 Sorgenkind Musikszene

Die Mittelaltermarkt-Musik Szene ist eine Junge und noch nicht weit über die deutschsprachigen Grenzen Hinausgetragene. Sie wird von den einen, der Frühe-Musik Szene mit Interpreten und Wissenschaftlern, als "schlechtes Anhängsel" mit musikalischer Ignoranz und Unbildung sowie zu stark kommerziellen Motiven angesehen und den Anderen, den Fans und Zuhörern ist es oft egal welche Art Musik sie nun tatsächlich hören, das emotionale Hören steht im Vordergrund. Von der Frühen-Musik-Szene wird die Musik belächelt und für nicht berechtigt empfunden sie in ihrem eigenen Kontext einer Bewertung zu unterziehen. Die Zuhörerschaft setzt nicht kaum mit ihr auseinander und nimmt die Musik kritiklos auf während die Interpreten selbst kein Bestreben zeigen ihre musikalische Intention richtig zustellen, Publikumsaufklärung zu betreiben und die Emanzipation ihres Musikstils als eigenes Genre voranzutreiben.

Somit ist die Mittelaltermarkt-Musik eines der wenigen, vielleicht sogar das einzige, Genre, dass sich über die Weltanschauung, Sozialisierung und Hörgewohnheiten seiner Zuhörer definiert und eingrenzt; und nicht über die musikalischen Eigenschaften, Herkunft der Musiker oder sonstige oder andere Faktoren, die in der Vergangenheit zur Bildung eines Genres geführt haben.

Dies führt zu einem Dilemma: Die Mittelaltermarkt-Musik wird nicht als eigenständiger Musikstil wahrgenommen und wird nach Kriterien betrachtet, die sie nicht für sich beansprucht und auch nicht für sich beanspruchen kann, nämlich die von

echter Mittelaltermusik. Dies zeigt allein schon der Name, der bei den meisten Personen, aus Werbezwecken oder aus Ignoranz, lediglich als ‚Mittelaltermusik‘ geführt wird, was sofort einen Konflikt mit der historisch informierten Aufführungspraxis³ hervorruft. Diese sieht sich nun einem losen, und so gut wie gar nicht definiertem Genre, gegenüber, dass vom Zuhörer als zu ihrer Musik verwandt empfunden wird.

Wir haben es also mit einer Gegenüberstellung von faktisch zwei verschiedenen Musikrichtungen zu tun. Auf der einen Seite ein relativ enger und abgegrenzter Kreis: Die für uns klanglich und musikphilosophisch sehr ferne Musik des Mittelalters (ca. 900 bis 1430), deren klingender Rekonstruktion sich die Historisch Informierte Aufführungspraxis verschrieben hat und andererseits eine Musik, die im Gegenteil überhaupt nicht fern ist, sondern im Prinzip die Hörgewohnheiten der heutigen Hörer bedient, diese jedoch durch diverse Mittel verfremdet: die Musik der Mittelaltermärkte (ab 80er Jahren des 20. Jahrhunderts).

Anstatt sich aber nun in dieser Weise voneinander abzugrenzen versucht eben diese Mittelaltermarkt-Musik, die inzwischen gut 20 Jahre lang groß genug ist um beachtet zu werden, aus sehr verschiedenen Gründen mit Biegen und Brechen in die tatsächliche Mittelaltermusik eingegliedert zu werden, was zur Folge hat, dass man nun, egal ob als Musik-Schaffender oder Rezipient, einer sehr verwirrenden Situation gegenübersteht, in der Begriffswelten, Marketingstrategien und teilweise auch musikalische Prinzipien sich überschneiden oder zumindest so wahrgenommen werden.

1.3 ‚Mittelalternativ‘ - Der Musikstil

Aus diesem Grund sei an dieser Stelle der Versuch gewagt die Musikstile, die wie oben erwähnt scheinbar nur durch ein gemeinsames Publikum überhaupt zu einem Genre werden, trotzdem zu beschreiben. Der Autor ist der Meinung, dass dies am besten durch abstrakte Beschreibungen der musikalischen Eigenheiten geschieht, und erst in folgenden Schritten musikalische Referenzbeispiele herangezogen werden sollten. Des weiteren wird auf tonsätzerische Details so weit es geht verzichtet. Zwar sind diese überaus relevant, doch würden sie den Rahmen dieses Dokuments, eigentlich eine Liedersammlung, völlig sprengen. Es ist jedoch von größter Wichtigkeit, dass der ausführende Musiker sich völlig darüber im klaren ist, welche Art von Musik er gerade spielt, nicht zuletzt aus interpretatorischen Gründen.

Der Name - Mittelalternativ

Der Codex Verus wählt als Genrebzeichnung für die hier vorgestellte Musik den Namen ‚Mittelalternativ‘⁴ -oder ‚mittelalternative Musik‘- und legt nahe, diesen

³ Auf den Begriff ‚authentisch‘ wird hier bewusst verzichtet

auch als Rezipient oder Interpret zu benutzen. Für die Emanzipation des Genres ist es gar nicht überzubewerten einen eigenen, leicht merkbaren, intelligenten⁵ und vor allem unmissverständlichen Begriff zu haben, der präzise ausdrückt was gemeint ist.

Es ist leicht zu erkennen, dass wir es hier einerseits mit dem Wort *Mittelalter* und andererseits mit *Alternative* zu tun haben. Abgesehen von der Verkürzung des doppelten *alter* aus sprachästhetischen Gründen, ist die Musikepoche Mittelalter hier sehr stark vertreten, allerdings nur in einer Alternative zu ihr. Einerseits wird mit diesem Wort also einer Verbindung zum Begriff Mittelalter hergestellt, der schon relativ stark mit der Szene verknüpft ist und dessen Einfluss nicht außer acht gelassen werden darf (s.u.) andererseits hat man sofort eine Abgrenzung, die klar macht, dass man es mit etwas eigenem, speziellen zu tun hat.

Zwar hat nun die hier behandelte Musik mit der Musik des Mittelalters genau so viel zu tun wie mit der Musik der Gruppe Scooter, allerdings darf man einerseits die existierenden Marketingstrategien der Musikszene nicht völlig außer acht lassen, andererseits darf man auch nicht den Begriff des ‚Mittelaltermarkts‘ vergessen, der untrennbar mit der mittelalternativen Musik verknüpft ist. Die Märkte, auch sie mit dem Zusatz *Mittelalter* versehen, sind genau wie die Musik, die auf Ihnen gespielt wird keine historisch museale Veranstaltung sondern ein buntes Gemisch aus allerlei Epochen der Weltgeschichte und in erster Linie dazu da, den Zuschauer gegen Gebühr zu unterhalten⁶ ebenso wie dies Vergnügungsparks wie das Disneyland oder das Phantasieland machen. Die Schwerpunkte sind freilich anders, dennoch geht es um ein Entertainmentangebot für alle Sinne, in dem Klischees der Menschen bedient werden, die sie aus Büchern, Film und Fernsehen kennen.

Diese Märkte sind also nun so wichtig, weil die mittelalternative Musik hier ihr Forum und ihre Bühne hat. Bis auf einige Ausnahmen spielt sich das Hauptgeschehen des Genres hier ab und beginnt auch für die meisten Interpreten hier. Daraus ergibt sich jedoch noch eine Folgerung: Ebenso wie die Märkte ein frei erfundenes Gebilde sind, ist auch die Musik eine Musik des hier und jetzt. Das Etikett Mittelalter ist nicht aus den Märkten wegzudenken, wohl aber aus der Musik, da diese in der Regel noch viel ungebundener ist als die Rahmenveranstaltung selbst. Es ist grober Unfug eine Art Mittelalterfaktor oder eine Authenzitätsquote der Veranstaltung oder der Musik aufzudrücken. ‚Ein bisschen‘ Historische Aufführungspraxis ist nicht möglich, entweder man macht es ganz oder gar nicht. Die Gründe warum die Märkte Mittelaltermärkte heißen und damit die Musik Mittelaltermusik genannt wird verschwinden wohl in den Urzeiten der 1970er und 1980er Jahre, als diese geplant und umgesetzt wurden, spielen aber auch hier keine Rolle mehr, da man sie zunächst(!) als gegebene Situation hinnehmen muss.

⁴ Mit deutscher Aussprache

⁵ Damit wird natürlich behauptet, dass ‚Mittelalternativ‘ eben dies ist

⁶ Und es sei ausdrücklich gesagt, dass dies keinesfalls ein Qualitätsurteil ist!

Hier beginnt also nun die eigentliche Problemstellung in Form einer Zusammenfassung des bisher gesagten: Man spielt eine Musik, die nicht mittelalterlich ist aber so genannt wird, spielt auf den Bühnen sogenannter Mittelaltermärkte, die aber kein Mittelalter zeigen und hat dies, ebenso wie das Publikum, unter diesem Etikett kennen gelernt und beworben. Erschreckend und skurril zugleich!

Mit *Mittelalternative Musik* soll also eine Alternative zum Begriff *Mittelaltermusik* geschaffen werden, um im Sprachgebrauch unter Musikern, zum Hörer sowie zur Veranstalterseite, oder eher zur Wirtschaft im Allgemeinen, einen eindeutigen Begriff zur Verfügung zu haben. Der Begriff sollte in den Sprachgebrauch aller Beteiligten übergehen um so Missverständnissen vorzubeugen und eine klare musikalische- (und damit auch eine Verhandlungs-)Position zu beziehen.

Stilbeschreibung

Nun zur eigentlichen Erklärung welche Musik gemeint ist. Natürlich kann an dieser Stelle keine umfassende Stilanalyse und -beschreibung angeboten werden, es soll nur darauf hingewiesen werden an welche Interpreten sich die Notensammlung in erster Linie richtet.

Mittelalternative Musik besteht aus zwei Hauptrichtungen⁷ also Subgenres, die sich durch Instrumentierung und Repertoire relativ stark unterscheiden: Einmal die mittelalternative Musik überhaupt, die Dudelsack/Trommel Ensembles in all ihren Ausprägungen sowie die folkloristischen Ensembles, die eine größere Varianz aufweisen. Als weitere Unterteilungsmerkmale für diese Richtungen werden oft genannt: Laute und Leise(re) Musik, Ost- und Westrichtung⁸ und schließlich auch Qualitätsurteile der Kategorie Brachial vs. Filigran oder gar unauthentisch vs. authentisch⁹, wobei dieser irre Glaube völlig aus der Luft geholt ist, beruht er doch einzig allein auf dem Gedankenprinzip, dass es im Mittelalter keine laute Musik gegeben hätte und im Umkehrschluss alles Leise also mittelalterlich sein müsse. Das dies natürlich auch dann nicht zutrifft wenn jemand ein deutsches Revolutionslied aus den 1840er Jahren auf einer Gitarrenlaute des 20. Jahrhunderts spielt sollte eigentlich einleuchtend sein, selbst wenn er sich auf einem sogenannten Mittelaltermarkt befindet, der auf einem Barocksenschlosshof abgehalten wird, und dabei Kostüme aus dem Film "Robin Hood - König der Diebe" (mit Kevin Costner) trägt. Das letzte Beispiel klingt

⁷ An dieser Stelle dank an den Wikipediaartikel „Musik der Mittelalterszene“ der in Teilen als recht intelligent angesehen werden kann, im Zuge der üblichen Wikipediamehoden allerdings schon von fanatischen Fans wieder soweit zurecht gebogen wurde, dass er keine Quelle für den Interessierten mehr sein sollte. Stand: 16. Januar 2008

⁸ Spielt auf DDR und BRD Zeiten bzw. auf Alte und Neue Bundesländer an, da immer wieder die Behauptung aufkommt, der Dudelsackstil sei im Osten entstanden, was zu diesem Zeitpunkt weder dementiert noch bekräftigt werden kann und soll

⁹ Auch hier soll dieser Begriff lediglich als Karikatur eingesetzt werden

sehr konstruiert, könnte aber auf einer Veranstaltung mit mittelalternativer Musik durchaus vorkommen, doch dazu jetzt mehr.

Der Hauptunterschied zwischen beiden Richtungen ist das Leitinstrument¹⁰, welches sich von den anderen im Ensemble durch verschiedene musikalische Parameter abhebt und klanglich führt. In der folkloristischen Musik ist dies die Stimme, also der Gesang. Dieser steht durch die gleichzeitige Übermittlung von Text und Klang sowie der großen Ausdrucksmöglichkeiten im Vordergrund. Die Dudelsackrichtung hat das Marktschwein, der zwar nicht so variabel ist, dafür aber wesentlich lauter und durch die Bordune auch eigenständiger. Daraus ergibt sich, vornehmlich durch Lautstärkeunterschiede, die Zweiteilung durch die Besetzung der Musikgruppe. Natürlich gibt es auch Instrumentalmusik in den folkloristischen Musik und Gesang mit Dudelsäcken, allerdings lässt sich bei solchen Konstellationen eine Trennung auf der Ebene der einzelnen Stücke ausmachen.

In der Praxis sieht es so aus, dass sich eine Gruppe auf einer der beiden Richtungen spezialisiert und im Zweifelsfall zweigleisig fährt, also mit zwei verschiedenen Besetzungen aufwarten kann. Kompromisse sind selten anzutreffen und betreffen meist die Reduzierung der Lautstärke in der Dudelsackbesetzung, damit beispielsweise Saiteninstrumente im Ensemble möglich sind.

¹⁰ Wir gehen von einer generell ‚unplugged‘ Aufführungspraxis aus, d.h. dass die relativen Lautstärkeverhältnisse der Instrumente untereinander erhalten bleiben. Dies schließt natürlich eine Verstärkung insgesamt, also des unveränderten Gesamtklangs, nicht aus.

2 Interpretationshilfen

Dieses Kapitel soll dabei helfen die aufgeführten Noten und die damit verbundenen Abkürzungen richtig zu interpretieren. Dabei meint richtig nicht etwa die Art und Weise, wie sie zu spielen sind, sondern viel mehr die rein technischen Anforderungen, die das Notenbild inne hat. Um die Stücke aus dem *Codex Verus* spielen zu können bedarf es eigentlich nicht viel. Der Lesende Musiker wird wahrscheinlich schon wissen welches Instrument er benutzt, wie es gestimmt ist und wie es benutzt wird.

Desweiteren wird Wert darauf gelegt, dass die Noten möglichst frei von Vorinterpretationen sind. Verzierungen, verselbstständigte zweite Stimmen wie Quintparallelen als Extrateile und weiteres, was evtl. populäre Interpreten in ihren eigenen Versionen anbieten werden herausgelassen, soweit erkennbar. Die Melodien sind also ein Konsens aus allen dem Autor bekannten Versionen einer Melodie, sozusagen ein Gemisch und eine standardisierte Version. In den meisten Fällen wird dies kaum auffallen, jedoch kann es hier und da zu Abweichungen kommen, falls der Leser eine Melodieversion besonders verinnerlicht hat. Das bedeutet in keinem Fall, dass die Melodieversionen hier besonders ‚authentisch‘, ursprünglich oder ‚rein‘ wären, sondern es handelt sich lediglich um einen Kompromiss mit keinerlei Bezug zu einem eventuellen original.

2.1 Erklärung des Notenbildes

An dieser Stelle stand in der ersten Auflage des *Codex Verus* eine mehr oder weniger ausführliche Erklärung wie man die Noten für sein eigenes Instrument umsetzt, welche Skalen und Tonarten es gibt und wie die einzelnen Stück in das Skalensystem eingeordnet werden können. Diese Erklärungen haben sich für den Anfänger als zu verwirrend erwiesen und waren aufgrund ihrer begrenzten Ausführlichkeit auch nicht von großem Nutzen, für den Wissenden waren sie jedoch trivial. Daher werden die Stücke sich selbst überlassen und es werden nur einige Stichworte als Möglichkeit des Nachschlagens gegeben.

Bordun und Skalen

Alle hier verzeichneten Stücke sind in dieser Form Bordunmusik, d.h. sie benötigen mindestens einen ständig mitklingenden Grundton, den *Bordun*. Einige Instrumente wie Dudelsäcke und Drehleibern haben diesen schon im Instrument selbst dabei. In der Mittelalternativen Musik sind die meisten Instrumente darüber hinaus in der Lage ihren Bordunton zu wechseln während ihre Melodieskala meistens einen begrenzten Ambitus auf eine None oder eine Dezime haben, je nach Instrumentenart diatonisch bis vollchromatisch, meistens fehlen jedoch einige Töne zur Vollchromatik.

In der Praxis hat dies die Konsequenz, dass der Bordun manchmal umgestimmt werden muss, um eine bestimmte Skala (etwa phrygisch, da die kleine Sekunde über dem Grundton meistens nicht vorhanden ist) zu bedienen. Der Bordunton steht deswegen immer unter dem Titel des Stückes.

Die Skalen sind meistens eindeutig zu bestimmen, manchmal fehlen allerdings Schlüsseltöne, so dass man sich bei Arrangements und Improvisationen entscheiden muss, welche Skala man bedient.

Tonart und Transposition

Alle Stücke wurden so notiert, dass sie ein möglichst gut lesbares Notenbild ergeben, also unabhängig von einem bestimmten Instrument. Zwar ist dem Autor bewusst, dass die mittelalterliche Musik sich hauptsächlich auf Dudelsäcken abspielt, dessen native Skala zum Bordun A-Dorisch ergibt (nicht etwa Moll), wobei der Bordun auf dem 2. physikalischen Ton des Instruments aufsetzt, jedoch ist dieses Notenbild relativ schwierig zu lesen, da man es die ganze Zeit mit Vorzeichen und Hilfslinien zu tun hätte.

Aus diesem Grunde ist meist nötig, die Stücke entweder vorher zu transponieren (immer auf den Bordunton bezogen) oder relativ zu spielen, das heißt die Notation als gegeben zu akzeptieren und den logischen Grundton mit seinem physikalischen gleichzusetzen. Das ermöglicht es nur den Verlauf der Noten zu spielen.

Quellen

Über den Noten steht der Titel des Stücks. Viele der Stücke sind oft unter anderem Namen bekannt. Dies liegt meist daran, dass populäre Gruppen des Genres diesen Stücken ihren eigenen Titel gegeben haben. In diesem Fall stehen bekannte Alternativtitel, ebenso wie weitere Anmerkungen, unter dem Notentext. Rechts über den Noten steht der Komponist bzw. die Quelle des Stücks. Hier die Bedeutungen der Abkürzungen:

- **Name** - Der Name eines Komponisten
- **CB** - Carmina Burana. „Lieder aus Benedikt-Beuern“. Eine Sammlung von vielen Texten um das Jahr 1230 von denen ein geringer Teil Neumen über dem Text hat. Viele dieser Neumen konnten nur mit Kontrafaktur durch Parallelhandschriften zugeordnet werden.
- **CSM** - Cantigas de Santa Maria. Eine große Liedersammlung mit über 400 Liedern über die heilige Maria. Gesammelt vom König Alfonso X „Der Weise“ (1221-1284).

- *LBL* - London, British Library Add. 29987 (14. Jh).
Praktisch die größte Sammlung an rein instrumentaler mittelalterlichen Musik.
Aus dem italienischen Spätmittelalter.
- *LD* - Ludus Danielis. (ca. 1230)
Ein mittelalterliches Mysterienspiel über die biblische Geschichte von Daniel in der Löwengrube. Viele der Carmina Burana Melodien sind hieraus entnommen.
- *GLO* - Glogauer Liederbuch (2. Hälfte 15. Jahrhundert)
Liedersammlung aus Deutschland
- *Trad.* - Traditionell.
Die Herkunft ist (noch) nicht genau ermittelt. Ab und zu will man den Autor auch garnicht wissen. Manchmal steht eine Zeit oder ein Ort dabei.

Schlußendlich sei noch auf zwei Abkürzungen hingewiesen: ‚InEx‘ steht für die populäre Gruppe In Extremo während ‚CC‘ für Corvus Corax steht. Beide Gruppen sind maßgeblich an der Verbreitung von Melodiematerial beteiligt und haben den Melodien eigene Titel hinzugefügt, die oft bekannter als die originaltitel sind.

3 Verzeichnis der Melodien

Ai vis lo lop

Bordun in D

Trad.(Frankreich)

Musical notation for 'Ai vis lo lop' in G clef, common time, D major. The notation is divided into three staves. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by a series of eighth notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a series of eighth notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by a series of eighth notes.

All Voll

Bordun in D

GLO

The image shows three staves of musical notation. The first staff is in 3/4 time with a treble clef, featuring a continuous sequence of eighth notes. The second staff begins in 3/4 time with a treble clef, then changes to 3/8 time with a bass clef, and concludes with a treble clef. It includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, along with rests and a fermata over the last note. The third staff is in 3/4 time with a treble clef, showing a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Ay Linda Amiga

Trägt auch den Titel ‚Vor Vollen Schüsseln‘(InEx) oder ‚Für Minne‘ (CC). siehe Variation

Bordun in A

Trad.(Spanien)

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff consists of eight measures of a simple melody in G clef and 2/4 time. The bottom staff continues the melody, featuring some rhythmic variations and a key change to A major (indicated by a sharp sign) in the last measure.

Variation

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the variation. The first staff contains four measures. The second staff contains five measures. The third staff contains four measures. All staves are in G clef and 2/4 time, continuing the melodic line from the original tune.

Bärentanz

Auch: Melange Bretonique

Bordun in D

Trad.

The musical notation consists of three staves of notes. The first staff begins with a G clef, followed by a common time signature (C). The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes, with some quarter notes. The second staff begins with a G clef and a common time signature. The third staff begins with a G clef and a common time signature. All staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots, indicating they are to be repeated.

Bärentanz II

Bordun in D

Trad.

The musical notation consists of three staves of notes. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note followed by an eighth note, and so on. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note followed by an eighth note, and so on. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note followed by an eighth note, and so on. The notation is in G clef, common time, and features a double bar line with repeat dots at the end of each staff.

Branle d'Ecosse

Manchmal mit großer Terz und renaissancetypischer Erhöhung der 7. Stufe

Bordun in D

Arbeau

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first two staves begin with a treble clef (G clef), while the third staff begins with a bass clef. The time signature is common time (indicated by 'C'). The key signature is D major (no sharps or flats). The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The first two staves end with a double bar line, indicating a repeat section. The third staff concludes with a final double bar line.

Chaos

Bordun in A

Trad.

Musical notation for 'Chaos' in A major, common time. The notation consists of four staves of music, each starting with a treble clef. The first staff contains a single note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. The second staff contains a sixteenth-note pattern. The third staff contains a sixteenth-note pattern. The fourth staff contains a sixteenth-note pattern. The notation is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

Como Poden

Bordun in D

CSM

The image shows four staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 'C' (common time). The first staff consists of six measures: the first two are eighth-note pairs, followed by a measure of eighth notes, a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, a measure of eighth notes, and a measure of sixteenth-note pairs. The second staff begins with a measure of eighth notes, followed by a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, a repeat sign, a measure of eighth notes, a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, a measure of eighth notes, and a measure of sixteenth-note pairs. The third staff begins with a measure of eighth notes, followed by a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, a repeat sign, a measure of eighth notes, a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, a measure of eighth notes, and a measure of sixteenth-note pairs. The fourth staff begins with a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, followed by a measure of eighth notes, a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, a measure of eighth notes, a measure of sixteenth-note pairs, and continues with a measure of eighth notes.

Daverttanz

Bordun in D

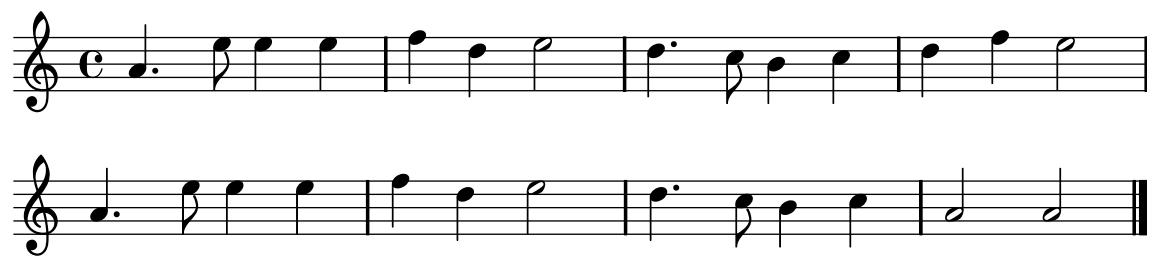
Trad.

The musical score consists of six staves of music for a single instrument, likely a harp or similar plucked instrument. The music is in G major (indicated by a G clef) and 6/8 time. The score is divided into two sections by double bar lines. The first section ends with a repeat sign and begins again with a different melodic line. The second section ends with a final double bar line. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The notation includes several grace notes and slurs.

Der Galgen

Bordun in D

Trad.



Douce Dame Jolie

Bordun in D

Guillaume de Machaut



Ecce Rex Darius

Bordun in D

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The musical score consists of two systems of eight staves each, written in common time (C) and treble clef (G). The first system (measures 1-10) features a continuous pattern of eighth-note pairs. The second system (measures 11-20) introduces a half note at the start of each measure, followed by eighth-note pairs. The third system (measures 21-30) continues the half note and eighth-note pair pattern. The fourth system (measures 31-40) maintains the established rhythm. The fifth system (measures 41-50) introduces a new element: a half note followed by a quarter note, then eighth-note pairs. The sixth system (measures 51-60) follows this pattern. The seventh system (measures 61-70) returns to the half note and eighth-note pair combination. The eighth system (measures 71-80) continues this pattern. The ninth system (measures 81-90) introduces a half note followed by a quarter note, then eighth-note pairs. The tenth system (measures 91-100) follows this pattern.

Hameln

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Trad.



Heyduckentanz

Bordun in D

Trad.



Hiemali Tempore

Melodie vermutlich von InEx

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CB (Text)



In Taberna

Bordun in D

CB



Madre Deus

Bordun in D

Trad.



Meienzit

Bordun in D

Neidhardt



Merseburger Zaubersprüche

Bordun in D

Trad. (20. Jahrhundert)

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a dotted half note, another dotted half note, and a quarter note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a dotted half note, another dotted half note, and a quarter note. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a dotted half note, another dotted half note, and a quarter note.

Nevâ Ceng-i Harbi

Achtelpaare werden oft ternär(geswingt) gespielt.

Bordun in D

Trad.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time (C) and treble clef (G). The music is composed of eighth-note pairs (quavers) and sixteenth-note pairs (semiquavers), often grouped in ternary patterns. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

Orazel

Bordun in D

Trad.

Palästinalied

Bordun in D

Walter von der Vogelweide



Pavane

Bordun in D

Trad.

Musical score for "The Old Dan" featuring two staves. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one sharp. It consists of two measures followed by a repeat sign, then two more measures. The bottom staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one sharp. It consists of two measures followed by a repeat sign, then two more measures.

Platerspil

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Bordun in D

Trad.(20. Jahrhundert)



Propinan de Melyor

Wird auch als Spielmannsfluch (InEx) und als Spielmannstanz (CC) verwendet.

Bordun in D

Anonym 15. Jahrhundert



Quem A Omagen Da Virgin

Bordun in D

CSM



Santa Maria Strela Do Dia

Bordun in D

CSM

The musical score for "Santa Maria Strela Do Dia" is presented in four staves of common time (indicated by 'C') and treble clef (indicated by a G-clef). The music begins with a series of eighth-note pairs followed by quarter notes. This pattern repeats across all four staves. A double bar line with repeat dots is positioned in the middle of the second staff. The notation uses standard musical symbols like quarter and eighth notes, with stems pointing generally upwards. The first staff starts with a single eighth note followed by a sixteenth note. The second staff starts with a quarter note followed by an eighth note. The third staff starts with an eighth note followed by a sixteenth note. The fourth staff starts with a quarter note followed by an eighth note.

Serbokroatisch I

Bordun in D

Trad.

The musical score for "Serbokroatisch I" in D major (one sharp) contains five staves of music. The time signature alternates between common time (c) and 2/4 time. The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with rests. Double bar lines with repeat dots divide the piece into sections. The notation is in common time (c) for most of the piece, with 2/4 time indicated by a '2' above the staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Schirazula

Trägt auch Namen wie ‚Schiarazula‘ oder ‚Schirazula Marazula‘. Selten auch ‚Karascha‘

Bordun in D

Trad.

The musical notation consists of three staves of notes. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a series of eighth notes. The second staff begins with a half note followed by a series of eighth notes. The third staff begins with a half note followed by a series of eighth notes. The notation is in G clef and common time.

Skudrinka

Bordun in D

Trad.



Tanz der Pferde

Auch: Branle Des Chevaux

Bordun in C

Arbeau

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a 'C'). The first three staves are in C major (indicated by a treble clef), while the fourth staff begins in C major and transitions to G major (indicated by a treble clef with a sharp sign). The music features various note patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and includes several double bar lines and repeat signs.

Totentanz

Angeblich Variation eines barocken Foliabasses

Bordun in D

Trad.



Totus Floreo

Auch: ‚Tempus est Iocundum‘. Melodie sehr vage aus den Neumen aus den CB transkribiert

Bordun in D

20. Jahrhundert



Tourdion

Bordun in A

Trad.

The musical notation for the Tourdion melody is presented in three staves, each starting with a treble clef. The first staff uses a common time signature (indicated by a 'C') and consists of six measures. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by a common time signature. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by a common time signature. The music features various note heads (solid black, hollow white, and solid black with a dot) and stems, along with eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Measures 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 correspond to the first, second, and third staves respectively.

Traubentritt I

Bordun in D

Trad.

1 2

Traubentritt II

Bordun in D

Trad.



Ungaresca

Bordun in C

Trad.

The musical score for 'Ungaresca' is presented in three staves of common time (indicated by 'C') and treble clef. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pair. The second staff begins with a eighth-note pair. The third staff begins with a half note. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note groups. Each staff concludes with a double bar line.

Villeman Og Magnhild

Manchmal auch nicht geswingt(6/8), sondern binär gespielt.

Bordun in D

Trad.(Norwegen)



Wolfstanz

Bordun in D

Trad.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef, 3/4 time. The music is a traditional folk tune, likely for a harp or similar instrument. The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes, with some quarter notes. The melody is rhythmic and repetitive, typical of a folk dance. The score is divided into six measures by vertical bar lines.

A RENAISSANCE MISCELLANY

Tielman Susato

Den Hoboken danse
Reihentaenze
Ronde IV & Salterelle

Claude Gervaise

Bransle de Burgogne
Bransle Simple
Almande

A RENAISSANCE MISCELLANY

1: TIELMAN SUSATO c1500–1561

Den Hoboeken Danse

Tielman Susato

Musical score for "Den Hoboeken Danse" by Tielman Susato. The score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4' in the top left corner) and a key signature of one sharp. The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Reihentaenze

Tielman Susato

Musical score for "Reihentaenze" by Tielman Susato. The score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4' in the top left corner) and a key signature of one sharp. The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 1 is indicated above the second staff, and measure 2 is indicated above the third staff.

RondeVI & Salterelle

Tielman Susato

Musical score for "RondeVI & Salterelle" by Tielman Susato. The score consists of eight staves of music. The first five staves are in common time (indicated by a '4' in the top left corner), while the last three staves are in triple time (indicated by a '3' in the top left corner). The key signatures vary throughout the piece, including one sharp, one flat, and common time.

Ronde I Pour Quoy

Susato

Musical score for Ronde I Pour Quoy in 4/4 time, major key, featuring three staves of music notation.

RondeVII Il Estoit Une Fillette

Tielman Susato

Musical score for RondeVII Il Estoit Une Fillette in 4/4 time, major key, featuring four staves of music notation.

2: CLAUDE GERVAISE 1500s

Bransle de Bourgongne 9

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Bransle de Bourgongne 9 in 4/4 time, major key, featuring two staves of music notation.

Bransle Simple 1

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Bransle Simple 1 in 2/4 time, minor key, featuring four staves of music notation.

Bransle Simple2

Musical score for Bransle Simple 2 in 4/4 time, major key, featuring two staves of music notation.

Bransle

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Bransle by Claude Gervaise. The score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and includes a repeat sign with a double bar line.

Bransle de Montarde

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Bransle de Montarde by Claude Gervaise. The score consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music features eighth-note patterns and includes a repeat sign with a double bar line. Measure numbers '1' and '2' are indicated above the second staff.

Almande

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Almande by Claude Gervaise. The score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '2') and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and includes a repeat sign with a double bar line.

Gervaise3

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Gervaise3 by Claude Gervaise. The score consists of six staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and includes repeat signs with double bar lines. Measure numbers '1' and '2' are indicated above the fifth staff.

Gervaise8

Claude Gervaise

Musical score for Gervaise8 by Claude Gervaise, featuring three staves of music in common time. The first staff uses a treble clef, the second a bass clef, and the third an alto clef. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

3: MICHAEL PRAETORIUS 1571–1621

Ballet 268

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for Ballet 268 by Michael Praetorius, featuring four staves of music in common time. The staves use various clefs (treble, bass, alto) and include both eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

bouree 32a & b

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for bouree 32a & b by Michael Praetorius, featuring eight staves of music in common time. The score includes various clefs and rhythmic patterns, with some measures grouped by brackets labeled '1' and '2'.

La volta 202

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for La volta 202 by Michael Praetorius, featuring two staves of music in common time. The staves show eighth and sixteenth note patterns across different time signatures (4/4, 2/4, 3/4).

Lavolta 210

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for Lavolta 210 by Michael Praetorius, featuring three staves of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

Courante 183

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for Courante 183 by Michael Praetorius, featuring four staves of music in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

Praetorius 254

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for Praetorius 254 by Michael Praetorius, featuring four staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

Espagnoletta

Michael Praetorius

Musical score for Espagnoletta by Michael Praetorius, featuring three staves of music in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp. The music includes a section with two endings, labeled 1 and 2, indicated by brackets above the staff.

4: MISCELLANEOUS

edi beo thu hevene quene

Anon English C13

Three staves of musical notation in common time (indicated by '3/4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns.

Lamento D Tristana
Often played with La Rotta

Anon C14 Italian

Eight staves of musical notation in common time (indicated by '3/4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The notation includes various note values and rests, with two sections labeled '1' and '2' indicated by brackets above the staff.

La Rotta

Anon C14 Italian

Two staves of musical notation in common time (indicated by '2/4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The notation includes various note values and rests, with two sections labeled '1' and '2' indicated by brackets above the staff.

Ductia

Musical score for 'Ductia' in G major, 8/8 time. The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a sharp sign indicating G major. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth-note pairs, sixteenth-note groups, and eighth-note triplets. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by an eighth-note pair. The second staff starts with a sixteenth-note group. The third staff has a sixteenth-note group followed by an eighth-note pair. The fourth staff begins with an eighth-note pair. The fifth staff starts with a sixteenth-note group. The sixth staff has an eighth-note pair followed by a sixteenth-note group. The seventh staff begins with a sixteenth-note group. The eighth staff ends with a sixteenth-note group.

Trotto

Anon

Musical score for 'Trotto' in G major, 8/8 time. The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a sharp sign indicating G major. The music features eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note groups. The first staff begins with an eighth-note pair. The second staff has a sixteenth-note group followed by an eighth-note pair. The third staff begins with a sixteenth-note group. The fourth staff starts with an eighth-note pair. The fifth staff has a sixteenth-note group followed by an eighth-note pair. The sixth staff begins with an eighth-note pair. The seventh staff starts with a sixteenth-note group. The eighth staff has a sixteenth-note group followed by an eighth-note pair.

Pase El Agua Ma Julieta

Anon Spain

Musical score for "Pase El Agua Ma Julieta" in G clef. The score consists of five staves of music. The first four staves are in common time (indicated by '8'). The fifth staff begins with a common time signature, followed by measures in 9/8, 8/8, and 9/8. The music features eighth-note patterns and some sixteenth-note figures.

La Quinte Estampie Real

Anon French C13

Musical score for "La Quinte Estampie Real" in G clef. The score consists of three staves of music. The first two staves are in common time (indicated by '3'). The third staff begins with a common time signature, followed by measures in 9/8, 8/8, and 9/8. The music features eighth-note patterns and some sixteenth-note figures.

La Bergamasca

Anon

Musical score for "La Bergamasca" in G clef. The score consists of four staves of music. All staves are in common time (indicated by '4'). The music features eighth-note patterns and some sixteenth-note figures.

Patapan

Musical score for "Patapan" in G clef. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff is in common time (indicated by '2'). The second staff begins with a common time signature, followed by measures in 9/8, 8/8, and 9/8. The music features eighth-note patterns and some sixteenth-note figures. A bracket labeled '1' covers the first half of the second staff, and a bracket labeled '2' covers the second half.

Pavane

Anon

Musical score for Pavane, composed by Anon. The score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The music features various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

Danza Dei Bastoni

Anon

Musical score for Danza Dei Bastoni, composed by Anon. The score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The music features various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

sing care away

Musical score for "sing care away". The score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The music features various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

Mistress Winter's Jump

Dowland

Musical score for Mistress Winter's Jump, composed by Dowland. The score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The music features various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

Nota 39

Anon

Musical score for Nota 39, featuring ten staves of music for a single instrument. The music is in common time (indicated by '8'). The notation consists of various note heads (circles) and stems, with some stems extending above or below the note heads. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

Saltarello 3

Anon

Musical score for Saltarello 3, featuring ten staves of music for a single instrument. The music is in common time (indicated by '8'). The notation consists of various note heads (circles) and stems, with some stems extending above or below the note heads. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

Salterello

Anon Italian

Musical score for Salterello, Anon Italian, in G minor, 8/8 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The first three staves begin with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes.

Alli in Midbar

Anon Spanish

Musical score for Alli in Midbar, Anon Spanish, in G minor, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff ends with a fermata over the last note. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Measures 1 and 2 are bracketed above the staff.

Canario

anon Spanish

Musical score for Canario, anon Spanish, in G major, 8/8 time. The score consists of eight staves. The first four staves begin with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The fifth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The sixth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The seventh staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The eighth staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

Chester Waits

Musical notation for Chester Waits, featuring three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4'). The key signature is one flat. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

Staines Morris

Trad English

Musical notation for Staines Morris, featuring three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4'). The key signature is one sharp. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

Abbotts Bromley Horn Dance

Traditional English

Musical notation for Abbotts Bromley Horn Dance, featuring four staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4'). The key signature is one sharp. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines. Two specific measures are bracketed: the first measure of the fourth staff is labeled '1' and the second measure is labeled '2'.

Rufty Tufty

Playford

Musical notation for Rufty Tufty, featuring three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '2'). The key signature is one sharp. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines. Two specific measures are bracketed: the first measure of the third staff is labeled '1' and the second measure is labeled '2'.

Gavotte

Thoinot Arbeau : Orchesographie, 1589

Musical score for Gavotte, featuring two staves of music in common time (indicated by the '4' below the clef) and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

La Belle Qui Tiens Ma Vie

Thoinot Arbeau : Orchesographie, 1589

Musical score for La Belle Qui Tiens Ma Vie, featuring two staves of music in common time (indicated by the '4' below the clef) and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

Buffens

Thoinot Arbeau : Orchesographie, 1589

Musical score for Buffens, featuring four staves of music in common time (indicated by the '4' below the clef) and a key signature of one sharp. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

Pastime With Good Company

Henry VIII

Musical score for Pastime With Good Company, featuring three staves of music in common time (indicated by the '4' below the clef) and a key signature of one sharp. The music includes two endings, each marked with a bracket labeled '1' or '2'. The first ending begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth note, while the second ending begins with a sixteenth note followed by an eighth note.

En Vray Amoure

Henry VIII

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The notation includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes connected by horizontal stems. Measure endings are indicated by double vertical bar lines, and repeat endings are marked with '1' and '2'. The music is divided into sections by double bar lines with repeat dots.

Libre Vermell de Montserrat

Edition nimmersêlich

Quia interdum peregrini quando vigilant in ecclesia Beate Marie de Monte Serrato volunt cantare et trepudiare, et etiam in platea de die, et ibi non debeant nisi honestas ac devotas cantilenas cantare, idcirco superius et inferius aliquae sunt scripte. Et de hoc uti debent honeste et parce, ne perturbent perseverantes in orationibus et devotis contemplationibus ...

Da es vorkommt, daß die Pilger, die Nachtwache in der Kirche der Heiligen Maria in Montserrat halten, singen und tanzen wollen, und dies auch tagsüber auf dem Kirchplatz, und sie dort nur sittliche und andächtige Lieder singen dürfen, sind einige hier niedergeschrieben. Diese sollten mit Rücksicht und Mäßigung verwendet werden, ohne Störung für jene, die ihre Gebete und geistlichen Kontemplationen fortführen möchten ...

Editorische Notiz

Es ist ein seltener Fall, dass eine Liedersammlung so eindrücklich in seinem Zweck gekennzeichnet ist, wie es im *Llibre Vermell de Montserrat* der Fall ist. Siehe dazu das Zitat auf der Titelseite dieser Edition.

Leider bedeutet das aber nicht, dass diese Sammlung besonders sorgfältig aufgeschrieben wurde. Es gibt leider viele unklar geschriebene Stellen, die verschiedene Interpretationen zulassen.

Außerdem lässt die verwendete Notationsform der Handschrift in verschiedenen Fällen ebenso vielfältige Deutungsmöglichkeiten offen.

Die hier vorliegenden Übertragungen wurden von Mitgliedern des Ensemble »nimmersâlich« zunächst für den Eigenbedarf erstellt und schließlich zu dieser Edition zusammengestellt. Daraus ergibt sich das zum Teil uneinheitliche Erscheinungsbild der Notentexte. Wir denken aber, dass dies für den gedachten Zweck ausreichend ist - dem an mittelalterlicher Musik interessierten Musiker eine Handhabe zu geben, die Stücke dieser berühmten Handschrift interpretieren zu können.

Wie schon erwähnt, entziehen sich manche Stellen einiger Stücke einer eindeutigen Interpretation – darauf wird an den entsprechenden Stellen hingewiesen.

Bei manchen Stücken haben wir uns nicht die Mühe gemacht, den Text sauber unter die Noten zu tippen, wie sich das für eine »richtige« Edition gehören würde. Da wir der Meinung sind, dass sich die Textverteilung sowieso besser anhand der Originalhandschrift und am Sprachrythmus orientiert, haben wir das auch nicht nachgebessert.

Eine ausgezeichnete Internetquelle zu Abbildungen der Originalhandschrift findet sich unter folgender (leider recht kryptischen) URL:

<http://www.lluisvives.com/servlet/SirveObras/jlv/78004675091293806999979/thm0002.htm>

Viel Spaß beim spielen!

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Ensemble »nimmersâlich«

O virgo splendens

caça de duobus vel tribus? / Kanon mit zwei oder drei Stimmen?

The musical score consists of six staves of music, each with a different number above it (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6). The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes. The music is in common time, and the notes are primarily eighth notes.

1
O - o - o - o - vir - go Splen - - - dens hic

2

3
In mon - - - te cel - so Mi - ra-cu - lis ser - - - ra - to

4

Ful - gen - ti - bu - s u - bi - - que Que - m fi - - de - - - les

5

Con - scen - dunt u - ni - ver - - si E - - - ya pie - ta - tis

6

O - cu - - - lo pla - ca - to Cer - ne li - ga - to - s fu - ne pec - ca - to - rum

7

Ne in - fer - n - o - rum ic - ti - - bu - s gra - ven - tur Sed cum be - a - tis tu - - - a

8

Pre - ce vo - - cen - - - tur

Dieses Stück ist nicht wirklich eine echte Antiphon. Es klingt aber auch schön, wenn man es einstimmig interpretiert. Die Kanon-Variante ist recht anspruchsvoll.

O virgo splendens

Antiphona dulcis armonia dulcissime virginis Marie de Montserrat. Caça de duobus vel tribus:

O Virgo splendens hic in monte celso Miraculis serrato
fulgentibus ubique quem fideles concendent universi.
Eya pietatis oculo placato cerne ligatos fune peccatorum
ne inferorum ictibus graventur sed cum beatis tua prece
vocentur.

Antiphon in süßer Harmonie für die Jungfrau Maria von Montserrat. Kanon mit zwei oder drei Stimmen:

O leuchtende Jungfrau hier auf dem hohen Berg, der von herrlichen Wundern erstrahlt, wohin die Gläubigen von überall her emporsteigen. Ah, mit deinem sanft liebenden Auge, sieh auf die von der Sünde Gefesselten, damit sie nicht leiden unter den Schlägen der Hölle, sondern durch deine Fürbitte zu den Seligen zählen.

Stella splendens in monte

Sequitur alia cantilena ad trepidum rotundum / Es folgt ein anderes Lied, als Rundtanz

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a G clef and common time signature. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Staff 1: Stel - la splen - dens in mon - te ut so - lis ra - di - um

Staff 2: Mi - ra - cu - lis se - rra - to ex - au - di po - pu - lum

Staff 3: Con - cu - runt u - ni - ver - si gau - den - tes - po - pu - li

Staff 4: Di - vi - tes et e - ge ni, gran - des et par - vu - li

Das wohl bekannteste Stück aus dem Libre Vermell. Rhythmisich nicht ganz klar ist der Anfang des B-Teils.

STELLA SPLENDENS

Sequitur alia cantilena ad trepidum rotundum:

Stella splendens in monte ut solis radius
miraculis serrato exaudi populum.

Concurrunt universi gaudentes populi
divites et egeni grandes et parvuli
ipsum ingrediuntur ut cernunt oculi
et inde revertuntur gracijs repleti.

Principes et magnates extirpe regia
saeculi potestates obtenta venia
peccaminum proclamant tudentes pectora
poplite flexo clamant hic: Ave Maria.

Prelati et barones comites incliti
religiosi omnes atque presbyteri
milites mercatores cives marinari
burgenses piscatores praemiantur ibi.

Rustici aratores nec non notarii
advocati scultores cuncti ligni
fabri sartores et sutores nec non lanifici
artifices et omnes gratulantur ibi.

Reginae comitissae illustres dominae
potentes et ancillae juvenes parvulae
virgines et antiquae pariter viduae
conscendent et hunc montem et religiosae.

Coetus hic aggregantur hic ut exhibeant
vota regratiantur ut ipsa et reddant
aulam istam ditantes hoc cuncti videant
jocalibus ornantes soluti redeant.

Cuncti ergo precantes sexus utriusque
mentes nostras mundantes oremus devote
virginem gloriosam matrem clementiae
in coelis gratiosam sentiamus vere.

Es folgt ein anderes Lied, als Rundtanz:

Glanzvoller Stern auf dem Berg, wie ein Sonnenstrahl
wunderbar erstrahlend, erhöre das Volk.

Alle fröhlichen Menschen versammeln sich: Arme und Reiche,
Junge und Alte besteigen den Berg
um mit ihren Augen zu schauen, und kehren von ihm der
Gnade voll zurück.

Herrsscher und Magnaten von königlichem Stamm,
die Mächtigen der Welt, der Gnade teilhaftig,
bekennen ihre Sünden, sich die Brust schlagend,
und rufen mit gebeugten Knien: Ave Maria.

Prälatten und Barone mit edlem Gefolge,
alle Mönche und auch Priester,
Soldaten, Händler, Bürger, Seeleute,
Städter und Fischer lobpreisen hier.

Bauern, Pflüger und auch Schreiber,
Advokaten, Steinmetze und alle Schreiner,
Schneider und Schuster und auch Weber,
alle Handwerker danken hier.

Königinnen, Gräfinnen, mächtige
und angesehene Damen und Mägde, junge Mädchen,
Jungfrauen und alte Frauen und Witwen
steigen auf den Berg und Nonnen.

Die Gemeinde versammelt sich hier um ein Gelübde zu sprechen,
zu danken und das Gelübde zu erfüllen,
diesem Ort zu Ehren, damit alle sehen
und sie freudig zurückkehren, des Heiles teilhaftig.

Wir wollen alle beten, jedwelchen Geschlechts,
und voll Demut unsere Sünden bekennen
der ruhmvollen Jungfrau, Mutter der Barmherzigkeit,
um im Himmel der Gnadenreichen nahe zu sein.

Laudemus virginem

caça de duobus vel tribus / Kanon mit zwei oder drei Stimmen



Lau - de - mus vir - gi - nem ma - ter est Et ei - us fi - li - us ihe - sus est
Plan - ga - mus sce - le - ra a - cri - ter Spe - ran - tes in Ihe - sum ju - gi - ter

Splendens ceptigera

caça de duobus vel tribus / Kanon mit zwei oder drei Stimmen



Splen - dens cep - ti - ge - ra Nos - tri sis ad - vo - cata Vir - go pu - er - per - ra
Tun - den - tes pec - to - ra Cri - mi - na con - fi - dentes Si - mus al - tis - si - mo

Laudemus virginem mater est et ejus filius Ihesus est.
Plangemus scelera acriter Sperantes in Ihesum jugiter.

Wir lobpreisen die Jungfrau Mutter und ihren Sohn Jesus. Heftig beweinen wir unsere Sünden, beständig auf Jesus hoffend.

Splendens ceptigera Nostris sis advocata Virgo puerpera.
Tundentes pectora Crimina confitentes Simus altissimo.

Strahlende Herrscherin sei unsere Fürsprecherin, gebärende Jungfrau. Unsere Brust schlagend bekennen wir unsere Schuld, oh Höchster.

Beide Stück sind auch gut geradtaktig machbar. In der Handschrift stehen sie unmittelbar untereinander ohne deutliche Abgrenzung voneinander, was die Vermutung nahe legen könnte, dass es sich um ein Stück handelt. Allerdings steht über beiden Zeilen der Hinweis auf die *caça* also handelt es sicher tatsächlich um zwei Stücke.

Los set gyotxs recomptarem

Ballada dels goytxs de Nostre Dona en vulgar cathallan a ball redon /

Ballade von den Freuden unserer Lieben Frau in katalanischer Volkssprache, als Rundtanz



Los set gotxs recomptarem et devotament xantant
humilment saludarem la dolça verge Maria.

Ave Maria gracia plena Dominus tecum Virgo serena.

Verge fos anans del part pura e sans falliment
en lo part e près lo part sens negun corrumpiment.
Lo Fill de Déus Verge pia de vós nasque verament.

Verge tres reys d'Orient cavalcant amb gran corage
al l'estrella precedent vengren al vostré bitage.
Offerint vos de gradatge Aur et mirre et encenç.

Verge estant dolorosa per la mort del Fill molt car
romangues tota joyosa can lo vis resuscitar.
A vos madre piadosa prima se volch demostrar.

Verge lo quint alegratge que'n agues del fill molt car
estant al munt d'olivatge Al cell l'on vehes puyar.
On aurem tots alegratge Si per nos vos plau pregar:

Verge quan foren complitz los dies de pentecosta
Ab vos eren aunits los apostols et de costa.
Sobre tots sens nuylla costa devallà l'espirit sant.

Verge'l derrer alegratge que'n agues en aquest mon
vostre Fill ab coratge vos monta al cel pregon.
On sots tots temps coronada regina perpetual.

Von den sieben Freuden berichten wir, andächtig singend,
grüßen wir demütig die süße Jungfrau Maria.

Gegrüßet seist du, Maria, voller Gnade, der Herr sei mit dir,
holde Jungfrau.

Jungfrau, vor der Geburt warst du rein und ohne Fehl,
bei der Geburt und nach der Geburt unverdorben.
Der Sohn Gottes ist wahrlich aus dir, heilige Jungfrau, geboren.

Jungfrau, drei Könige aus dem Morgenland mutig reitend,
dem Stern folgten sie und kamen zu deinem Haus.
Sie brachten euch, einer nach dem anderen, Gold und Weihrauch und Myrrhe dar.

Jungfrau, voller Schmerz wegen des Todes deines geliebten
Sohns,
du bist nun voller Freude, da du ihn auferstehen siehst.
Dir, heilige Mutter, wollte er sich zuerst zeigen.

Jungfrau, die fünfte Freude, die du von deinem geliebten Sohn
empfangen hast, geschah,
als Du ihn auf dem Ölberg zum Himmel aufsteigen sahst.
Wir werden voller Freude sein, wenn Du für uns betest.

Jungfrau, als die Pfingsttage vergangen waren,
wurden die Apostel und die Anderen von dir vereint.
Über alle kam der heilige Geist.

Jungfrau, die letzte Freude erlebst Du nicht auf dieser Welt;
dein Sohn nimmt dich mutig zum Himmel,
wo du für alle Zeiten gekrönt sein wirst, ewige Königin.

Der Notentext des B-Teils ist hier bloße Remineszenz an die moderne Notenschreibweise. Bitte die Taktstriche »wegdenken« und am Textrhythmus orientieren!

Cuncti simus concanentes

a ball redon / als Rundtanz



[: Cuncti simus concanentes: Ave maria :]

Virgo sola existente en affuit angelus
Gabriel est appellatus atque missus celitus.
[: Clara facieque dixit: Ave Maria. :]

[: Clara facieque dixit: audite karissimi. :]
[: En concicies Maria, Ave Maria :]

[: En concicies Maria, T: audite ... :]
[: Pariesque filium, Ave ... :]

[: Pariesque filium, audite karissimi :]
[: Vocabis eum Ihesum. Ave ... :]

Alle wollen wir singen: Ave Maria.

Vor die Jungfrau alleine trat ein Engel. Gabriel wird er genannt und vom Himmel ist er gesandt.

Strahlend sprach er: Gegrüßet seist du Maria. Strahlend sprach er (hört ihr Lieben):

Du wirst empfangen, Maria. Einen Sohn gebären (hört ihr Lieben). Du wirst ihn Jesus nennen.

Der Rhythmus des Stücks ist nicht ganz eindeutig,. Unsere Fassung hielten wir für sinnvoll - es sind aber andere Versionen möglich.

Polorum regina

a ball redon / als Rundtanz

The musical notation consists of three strophes of a hymn. Each strophe is set on a single staff with a treble clef. The first two strophes begin with a common time signature, while the third begins with a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the vocal parts. The notation includes several fermatas and a long dash at the end of the first two strophes.

Po - lo - rum re - gi - na om - ni - um _ nos - - - tra
Sem - per per - man - sis - ti in - vi - o - la - - - ta

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Stel - la ma - tu - ti - na de - le sce - - le - - ra
Stel - la ...

.6
An - te par - tum - vir - go de - o gra - - ti - - a

Polorum regina omnium nostra. Stella matutina dele sclera.

Unsere Königin aller Himmel, Morgenstern,
nimm unsere Sünden hinweg.

Ante partum virgo Deo grava Semper permansi inviolata.

Vor der Geburt, Jungfrau, befruchtet durch Gott,
verbliebst du immer unversehrt.

Et in partu virgo Deo fecunda Semper permansi inviolata.

Auch bei der Geburt, Jungfrau, fruchtbar durch Gott,
verbliebst du immer unversehrt.

Et post partum virgo mater enixa Semper permansi inviolata.

Auch nach der Geburt, Jungfrau, Mutter,
verbliebst du immer unversehrt.

Die Bogen sind hier keine Binde-Bogen sondern kennzeichnen eine uns unklare Stelle. Die hier geschriebene Variante erschien uns sinnvoll und schön.

Mariam matrem virginem

The musical score consists of three staves, each representing a different voice part:

- Bassus (Bass):** The bottom staff uses a bass clef and a common time signature (indicated by a 'C'). It contains mostly quarter notes and eighth notes.
- Tenor:** The middle staff uses a soprano clef and a common time signature (indicated by a 'C'). It contains quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.
- Contratenor:** The top staff uses a soprano clef and a common time signature (indicated by a 'C'). It contains quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes.

Measure numbers are present above the staves:

- Measure 1:** All three staves begin with quarter notes.
- Measure 6:** The Bassus has a sixteenth-note pattern. The Tenor has eighth notes. The Contratenor has eighth notes.
- Measure 12:** The Bassus has eighth notes. The Tenor has eighth notes. The Contratenor has eighth notes.

Contratenor und Tenor sind nicht eindeutig textiert. Entweder auf einer Vokalise singen oder instrumental begleiten.

Mariam matrem virginem

The musical score consists of four systems of three staves each, representing three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass). The music is in G major (indicated by a G clef) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The vocal parts are separated by vertical bar lines.

System 1 (Measures 1-25):

- Soprano:** Starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Measures 1-2: eighth notes. Measures 3-4: eighth notes. Measures 5-6: eighth notes. Measures 7-8: eighth notes. Measures 9-10: eighth notes. Measures 11-12: eighth notes. Measures 13-14: eighth notes. Measures 15-16: eighth notes. Measures 17-18: eighth notes. Measures 19-20: eighth notes. Measures 21-22: eighth notes. Measures 23-24: eighth notes. Measures 25: eighth note.
- Alto:** Measures 1-2: eighth notes. Measures 3-4: eighth notes. Measures 5-6: eighth notes. Measures 7-8: eighth notes. Measures 9-10: eighth notes. Measures 11-12: eighth notes. Measures 13-14: eighth notes. Measures 15-16: eighth notes. Measures 17-18: eighth notes. Measures 19-20: eighth notes. Measures 21-22: eighth notes. Measures 23-24: eighth notes. Measures 25: eighth note.
- Bass:** Measures 1-2: eighth notes. Measures 3-4: eighth notes. Measures 5-6: eighth notes. Measures 7-8: eighth notes. Measures 9-10: eighth notes. Measures 11-12: eighth notes. Measures 13-14: eighth notes. Measures 15-16: eighth notes. Measures 17-18: eighth notes. Measures 19-20: eighth notes. Measures 21-22: eighth notes. Measures 23-24: eighth notes. Measures 25: eighth note.

System 2 (Measures 26-33):

- Soprano:** Measures 26-27: eighth notes. Measures 28-29: eighth notes. Measures 30-31: eighth notes. Measures 32-33: eighth notes.
- Alto:** Measures 26-27: eighth notes. Measures 28-29: eighth notes. Measures 30-31: eighth notes. Measures 32-33: eighth notes.
- Bass:** Measures 26-27: eighth notes. Measures 28-29: eighth notes. Measures 30-31: eighth notes. Measures 32-33: eighth notes.

System 3 (Measures 34-41):

- Soprano:** Measures 34-35: eighth notes. Measures 36-37: eighth notes. Measures 38-39: eighth notes. Measures 40-41: eighth notes.
- Alto:** Measures 34-35: eighth notes. Measures 36-37: eighth notes. Measures 38-39: eighth notes. Measures 40-41: eighth notes.
- Bass:** Measures 34-35: eighth notes. Measures 36-37: eighth notes. Measures 38-39: eighth notes. Measures 40-41: eighth notes.

Mariam matrem virginem

Mariam Matrem Virginem attolite
Ihesum Christum extollite concorditer.

Maria seculi asilum defende nos.
Ihesu tutum refugium exaudi nos.
Iam estis nos totaliter diffugium
totum mundi configum realiter.

Ihesu suprema bonitas verissima.
Maria dulcis pietas gratissima.
Amplissima conformiter sit caritas
ad nos quos pellit vanitas enormiter.

Maria facta saeculis salvatio.
Ihesu damnati hominis redemptio.
Pugnare quem viriliter per famulis
percussus duris iaculis atrociter.

Preiset Maria, die Mutter und Jungfrau.
Preiset alle Jesus Christus.

Maria, Zuflucht der ganzen Welt, beschütze uns.
Jesus, unser aller Zuflucht, erhöre uns.
Ihr seit wahrlich unsere ganze Zuflucht,
wahre Zuflucht für die ganze Welt.

Jesus, voller wahrer Güte.
Maria, süße und gnädigste Milde.
Gleichermaßen zeigt ihr uns euer Mitleid, die wir von der Ver-
gänglichkeit des Daseins sehr bedrängt werden.

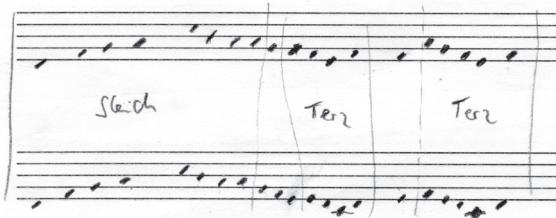
Maria war für alle die Erlösung,
Jesus die Erlösung der Verdammten,
mutig kämpfend für seine Ergebenen,
schwere Schläge und Stöße erduldend.

Bei diesem Stück sind wir an einer Stelle überhaupt nicht sicher, ob ein Schreibfehler vorliegt (der dann recht umfangreich ausgefallen wäre) oder ob es tatsächlich so gedacht war, wie notiert. Üblicherweise wird aber ein Schreibfehler angenommen, so daß wir dieser Version auch folgten.

Betroffen sind die Takte 9–14 unserer Edition. Im Original notiert ist die Variante wie sie in untenstehender Skizze, erste Zeile, wiedergegeben ist.

Die Parallelstelle dazu (Takte 36-Schluß) ist in Zeile zwei wiedergegeben. Zeile zwei ist auch die übliche Lesart beider Stellen.

Bemerkenswert ist aber, dass Zeile eins durchaus einen Sinn ergibt, sowohl im Zusammenklang mit den anderen beiden Stimmen, als auch an dieser Stelle des Liedaufbaus. (Halbschluß – aber ein Halbschluß-Ganzschlußmodell gibt es bei dieser Liedform nicht).



Inperayritz de la ciutat joyosa

a ball redon / als Rundtanz

The musical score consists of six staves of music. The first two staves are for the first voice, with lyrics: "Inperayeritz ..." and "Verges ses par ...". The remaining four staves are for the second voice. The music is in common time, featuring various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with some grace notes and rests.

Die zweite Stimme ist dringend eine Okavte tiefer zu spielen als notiert!

Besonders an diesem Stück ist, dass die zweite Stimme einen anderen Text hat, als die erste Stimme, wie das bei den französischen Motetten der Fall ist.

Imperayritz de la ciudad joyosa

de paradis ab tot gaug eternal
neta de crims de virtutz habundosa
mayres de Dieu per obra divinal
verges plasen ab fas angelical
axi com sotz a Dieu molt graciosa
placaus estar als fizels piadosa
preyan per lor al rey celestial.

Rosa flagran de vera benenanca
fons de merce jamays no defallen
palays d'onor on se fech l'alianca
de deu e d'hom per nostre salvamen
e fo ver Dieus es hom perfetamen
ses defallir en alcuna substanca
e segons hom mori senes dubtanca
e com ver Dieus levez del monimen.

Flor de les flor dolca clement et pia
l'angel de Dieu vesem tot corrocat
e par que Dieus lamandat qu'ens alcia
don el es prest ab l'estoch affilat.
Donchos placa vos que'l sia comandat
qu'estoyg l'estoch e que remes nos sia
tot fallimen tro en lo presen dia
ens done gaug e patz e sanitat.

Verges ses par misericordiosa

de vos se tany quens defenats de mal
e no siats devas nos endenyosa
pels fallimentz que fem en general.
Mas quens cubratz ab lo manto real
de pietat pus quen etz cupiosa
car totz em faytz d'avol pasta fangosa
per que'l fallir es de carn humenal.

Vexell de patz corona d'esperanca
port de salut be segur de tot ven
vos merexets de tenir la balanca
on es pesat be dreyturerarem.
E pesa mays vostre fill excellen
mort en la crotz per nostra delivranca
quels peccats d'om en fayt nen cobeganca
al be fizel confes e peniden.

Estel de mar qui los perillans guia
e'ls fay venir al bona salvetat
si Jesu Christ obeir no volia
co que per vos li sera supplicat
mostratz-li'els pitz don l'avetz alletat
et totz los santz ab la gran jerarchia
de paradis qui us faran companya
tot quan voiretz vos er ben autreyat.

Herrscherin der freudigen Stadt des Paradieses, ewiglich glücklich, gereinigt von der Sünde, überreich an Tugend, Mutter Gottes, durch göttliche Fügung; holde Jungfrau mit engelsgleichem Antlitz, weil Du Gefallen fandest vor Gott, habe Erbarmen mit den Gläubigen, Mitleidvolle, betend für sie zum himmlischen Herrscher.

Duftende Rose von wahrer Güte, nie versiegende Quelle der Tugend, Ehrenpalast in dem das Bündnis vollzogen zwischen Gott und Mensch, für unser Heil. Die sah, wie Gott ein vollkommener Mensch ohne jeden Fehl wurde, der – nach menschlichem Zeugnis – ohne Zweifel starb, und aus dem Grab als der wahre Gott auferstand.

Blume unter den Blumen, süß, gnadenreich und fromm, den grimmigen Engel Gottes sehen wir, und weil Gott ihn sandte um zu strafen, ist er dazu mit erhobenem Schwert bereit. Es möge Dir gefallen, daß ihm befohlen wird, das Schwert nicht zu zücken und uns alle Sünden vergeben seien, bis zum heutigen Tag, und uns Freude, Frieden und Gesundheit gegeben werden.

Jungfrau aus Barmherzigkeit, Dir vertrauen jene, die vor dem Bösen zu schützen sind.

Und zürne uns nicht wegen der Fehler, die wir immer begehen, sondern gib uns Schutz unter deinem königlichen Mantel aus Mitleid, denn wer voll der Tugend ist, kann den gemeinen Mord verbessern, denn das Versagen ist menschlichen Fleisches.

Gefäß des Friedens, Krone der Hoffnung, Hafen der Gesundheit, allen gewiß sicher, du bist würdig, die Waage zu halten, auf der die Rechtschaffenheit gemessen wird, und schwerer wiegt dein vortrefflicher Sohn, der am Kreuz starb für unsere Erlösung, als die Sünden, die unter denen begonnen wurden, die beichten und Buße tun.

Meeresstern, der uns durch die Gefahren leitet, damit wir sicher den Hafen erreichen, wenn Jesus Christus nicht erhören will, was durch Dich von ihm erbeten wird, dann zeige ihm die Brüste, die ihn gestillt haben, und alle die Heiligen aus der großen Hierarchie des Paradieses, die zu deiner Gesellschaft gehören werden: Alles was du wünscht wird dir gewährt, und vieles mehr.

Ad mortem festinamus

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major.

- Staff 1:** Starts with a dotted half note followed by a continuous sequence of eighth notes. Measures 12 through 17 are shown, ending with a repeat sign and a first ending instruction.
- Staff 2:** Starts with a half note followed by a continuous sequence of eighth notes. Measures 18 through 23 are shown, ending with a repeat sign and a first ending instruction.
- Staff 3:** Starts with a half note followed by a continuous sequence of eighth notes. Measures 24 through 29 are shown, ending with a repeat sign and a first ending instruction.

Fine (Measure 17)

D.C. al Fine (Measure 29)

Rhythmische Variante (Measure 21)

Häufig wird dieses Stück als »Totentanz« bezeichnet. Doch ob sich ein Zusammenhang mit den als »danse macabre«, »Totentanz«, etc. bezeichneten Bilderzyklen (in denen der Tod Menschen aller Stände mit sich zieht) herstellen lässt ist fraglich. Auf jeden Fall aber greift dieses Stück in recht beschwingt-tänzerischer Weise das lebensbegleitende Leitmotiv des mittelalterlichen Menschen – »memento mori« – auf.

Ad mortem festinamus

Ad mortem festinamus peccare desistamus.

Scribere proposui de contemptu mundano ut degentes
seculi non mulcentur in vano.
Iam est hora surgere a sompno mortis pravo.

Vita brevis breviter in brevi finietur mors venit velociter
quae neminem veretur.
Omnia mors perimit et nulli miseretur.

Ni conversus fueris et sicut puer factus et vitam mutaveris
in meliores actus
intrare non poteris regnum Dei beatus.

Tuba cum sonuerit dies erit extrema et iudex advenerit
vocabit sempiterna
electos in patria prescitos ad inferna.

Quam felices fuerint qui cum Christo regnabunt facie ad
faciem sic eum adspectabunt
Sanctus Dominus Sabaoth conclamabunt.

Et quam tristes fuerint qui eterne peribunt pene non defi-
cient nec propter has obibunt.
Heu heu miseri numquam inde exibunt.

Cuncti reges seculi et in mundo magnates advertant et
clericis omnesque potestates
fiant velut parvuli dimitant vanitates.

Heu fratres karissimi si digne contemplemus passionem
Domini amara et si flemus
ut pupillam oculi servabit ne peccemus.

Alma Virgo virginum in celis coronata apud tuum filium sis
nobis advocata
Et post hoc exilium occurens mediata.

Vila cadaver eris
cur non peccare vereris.
Cur intumescere quearis.
Ut quid peccuniam quearis.
Quid vestes pomposas geris.
Ut quid honores quearis.
Cur non paenitens confiteris.
Contra proximum non laeteris.

Wir eilen dem Tod entgegen, wir wollen nicht mehr sündigen.

Ich habe mich entschlossen, vom Verächtlichen der Welt zu
schreiben, damit diese degenerierten Zeiten nicht vergeblich
vergehen. Nun ist die Stunde, um vom bösen Todesschlaf zu
erwachen.

Kurz ist das Leben und in Kürze endet es, der Tod kommt
schneller als man glaubt.
Der Tod vernichtet alles und verschont keinen.

Wenn du nicht umkehrst und rein wie ein Kind wirst, dein
Leben durch gute Taten änderst,
kannst du nicht selig in Gottes Reich eingehen.

Wenn das Horn für den jüngsten Tag tönt, erscheint der Richter
und ruft auf ewig die Auserwählten in sein Reich,
die Verdammten in die Hölle.

Wie glücklich werden jene sein, die mit Christus herrschen, ihm
ins Angesicht schauend werden sie rufen:
Heilig Herr Zebaoth.

Wie traurig werden die auf ewig Verdammten sein, sie können
sich nicht befreien, werden zugrunde gehen.
Wehe, wehe, rufen die Elenden, nie werden sie von dort ent-
kommen.

Alle weltlichen Könige, alle Mächtigen dieser Erde, alle Kleriker
und alle Staatsleute müssen sich verändern;
sie müssen wie Kinder werden, auf Prahlgerei verzichten.

Ach, liebste Brüder, es ist schicklich, daß wir die bitteren Qualen
Gottes kontemplieren, und weinen,
nicht mehr zu sündigen geloben.

Gütige Jungfrau unter den Jungfrauen, im Himmel gekrönt, sei
unsere Fürsprecherin bei deinem Sohn,
und sei unsere Mittlerin nach diesem Exil.

Du wirst ein wertloser Kadaver sein;
warum schützt Du dich nicht gegen die Sünde?
Warum strebst Du, dich zu erzürnen?
Warum begehrst Du nach Geld?
Warum trägst du wertvolle Kleider?
Welche Ehren erwartest Du?
Warum bekennst Du nicht deine Schuld?
Warum nimmst Du dich nicht deines Nächsten an?

1. O Virgo splendens

Three-part canon

3
O Vir - go splen - - - - dens,

4
hic in mon - - - - te cel - so

7
mi-ra - cu - lis ser - - - - ra - to ful - gen - ti - bus -

10
u - bi - - - que, quem fi - - - de - - - - les

13
cons - cen - dunt u - ni-ver - - - si. E - - - - ia

16
pi - e - - fa - - tis o - - - cu - lo pla - ca - to

19
cer-ne li - ga - tus fu - ne pec - ca - to - rum, ne in - fer - no - rum ic - ti -

22
- bus gra - ven - tur, sed cum be - a tis tu - - - - a

25
pre - ce vo - - cen - - - - tur.



2. Stella splendens in monte

Dance

Stel - la splen - dens in mon te ut so - lis ra - di - um. Mi - ra - cu - et in - de

Ip - sum in gre di - un - tur ut cer - nunt oc - cu - li

7 lis ser - ra - to ex - au - di po - pu - lum. Con - cur - runt u - ni - ver - si gau -
re - ver - tun - tur gra - ci - is re - ple - ti.

13 den - tes po - pu - li, di - vi - tes et e - ge - ni gran - des et par - vu - li.

Fine

D.C. al Fine

2. Stella...

Principes et magnates extirpe regia
Seculi potestates optenta venia.
Peccaminum proclamant tundentes pectora
Poplite flexo clamant hic Ave Maria.

3. Stella...

Prelati et barones, comites incliti,
religiosi omnes atque presbiteri,
milites, mercatores, cives, marinari,
burguenses, piscatores premiantur ibi.

4. Stella...

Rustici aratores nec non notarii,
Advocati, scaltores, cuncti ligni fabri,
Sartores et sutores nec non lanifici
Artifices et omnes gratulantur ibi.

5. Stella...

Regine comitisse, illustres domine
potentes et ancille, invenes parvule,
virgines et antiquae pariter vidue
conscendent et hunc montem et religiose.

6. Stella...

Cetus hi aggantur, hic ut exhibeant
vota regraciantur ut ipsa et reddant.
Aulam istam ditantes, hoc cuncti videant
Jocalibus ornantes solti redeant.

7. Stella....

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mentes nostras mundantes oremus devote
Virgine gloriosam Matrem clementie
in celis graciosam seniamus vere. Stella...



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4. Mariam Matrem virginem

Part-song

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Ma - ri - am, Ma - trem vir - gi -

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nem, at - tol - - - li te, The sum Chris -

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tum ex - tol - li - te b con - cer - di - ter.

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Ma - ri - a, sae - cu - li a - si - - - lum, de -
The su - su - pre - ma bo - ni - - - tas ve -
Ma - ri - a fac - ta sae - cu - - - lis sal -

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fen - de nos. The su tu - tum re - fu - gi -
ris - si - ma. Ma ri - a dul - cis pi - e -
va - ti - o. The su dam na - ti ho - mi -

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um, ex - au - di nos. Jam es - tis nos to -
tas gra - tis - si - ma. Am plis - si - ma con -
nis re - demp - ti o. Pug na - re quem vi -

31

ta - li - ter dif fu - gi um, to - tum mun -
for - mi - ter sit ca - ri tas ad nos quos
ri - li - ter per fa - mu lis per cus - sis b

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di con - fu - gi - um re - a - li - ter.
pel - lit va - ni - tas e - nor - mi - ter.
du - ris ia - cu - lis a - tro - ci - ter.

5. Polorum Regina

Dance

8

Po - lo - rum re - gi - na im - ni - um nos - tra.
 Stel - la ma-tu - ti - na, de - le sce - le - ra.
 An - te par-tum vir - go De - o gra - vi - da.
 Et in par - tu vir - go De - o fe - cun - da.
 Et post par - tum vir - go ma - ter e - ni - xa.

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An - te par-tum vir - go De - o gra - vi - da.
 Et in par - tu vir - go De - o fe - cun - da.
 Et post par - tum vir - go ma - ter e - ni - xa.

29

Sem - per per - man - sis - ti in - vi - o - la - ta.
 Stel - la ma-tu - ti - na, de - le sce - le - ra.

6. Cuncti Simus

Dance

8

Cunc - ti si - mus con - ca - nen - tes: A - ve Ma - ri - a.

Vir - go so - la e - xis - ten - te en af - fu - it an - ge - lus.
Cla - ra fa - ci - e - que di - xit, au - di - te, ka - ris - si - mi.
En - con - ci - pi - es, Ma - ri - a, au - di - te, ka - ris - si - mi.
Pa - ri - es - que fi - li - um, au - di - te, ka - ris - si - mi.

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Ga - bri - el est ap - pel - la - tus at - qie mis-sus ce - li - tus.
Cla - ra fa - ci - e - que di - xit, au - di - te, ka - ris - si - mi.
En - con - ci - pi - es, Ma - ri - a, au - di - te, ka - ris - si - mi.
Pa - ri - es - que fi - li - um, au - di - te, ka - ris - si - mi.

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Cla - ra fa - ci - e - que di - xit: A - ve Ma - ri - a.
En - con - ci - pi - es, Ma - ri - a, A - ve Ma - ri - a.
Pa - ri - es - que fi - li - um. A - ve Ma - ri - a.
Vo - ca - bis e - um Jhe - sum. A - ve Ma - ri - a.

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Cla - ra fa - ci - e - que di - xit: A - ve Ma - ri - a.
En - con - ci - pi - es, Ma - ri - a, A - ve Ma - ri - a.
Pa - ri - es - que fi - li - um. A - ve Ma - ri - a.
Vo - ca - bis e - um Jhe - sum. A - ve Ma - ri - a.

3. *Laudemus Virginem*

Three-part canon

Close canon

Lau-de-mus Vir-gi-nem Ma-ter est
et e jus Fi-li-um Je-sus est.
Plan-ga-mus sce-le-ra a - cri - ter
spe-ran-tes in Je-sum ju - gi - ter.

Broad canon

Lau-de-mus Vir-gi-nem Ma-ter est
et e jus Fi-li-um Je-sus est.
Plan-ga-mus sce-le-ra a - cri - ter
spe-ran-tes in Je-sum ju - gi - ter.

7. *Splendens ceptigera*

Four-part canon

Splen-dens cep - ti - ge - ra Nos-tri sis ad - vo - ca - ta Vir - go pu - er - pe - ra.
Tun - den - tes pec - to - ra Cri - mi - na con - fi - den - tes si - mus al - tis - si - mo.

8. Los Set Gotxs

Dance

Los set gotxs
Hu - mil - ment
re - comp - ta - rem
et la dol - ça ver -

7
ment xan - tant
ge Ma - - - ri - a.
A - ve Ma - ri - a,

12
gra - ci - a ple - na
Do - mi-nus te - cum,
Vir - go se - re - na.

1. Los set gotxs recomptarem
et devotament xantant
Humliment saludarem
la dolça Verge Maria.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

2. Verge fos abans del part
pura e sens falliment
en lo part, e près lo part
sens negun corrumpiment,
lo Dill de Deus, Verge pia
de vos nasque verament.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

3. Verge, tres reys d'orient
cavalcant amb gran corage
a l'estrella precedent
vengen al vostre habitatge
offerint vos de gradage
aur et mirre et encenç.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

4. Verge, estant dolorosa
per la mort del Fill molt car
romangués tota joyosa
can lo vis resuscitar
a vos, mare piadosa,
primer se volch demostrar.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

5. Verge, lo quint alegrage
que'n agues del Fill molt car
estant al Munt d'Olivage
al cell l'on vehes puyar
on aurem tots alegrage
si per nos vos plau pregar.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

6. Verge, quan foren complitz
los dies de Pentacosta,
ab vos eren aunits
los apostols et decosta,
sobre tots, sens nuylla costa,
devalla l'Spirit Sant.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

7. Verge, 'l derrer alegratge
que'n agues en aquest mon,
vostre Fill amb gran coratge
vos munta al cel pregón,
on sots tots temps coronada,
Regina perpetua.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.

8. Tots donques nos esforçem,
en aquesta present vida,
que peccats foragitem
de nostra anima mesquina,
e vos, dolce Verge pia,
viuyllats-nos-lo empetrar.
Ave Maria, gracia plena,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.



9. Imperayritz de la ciutat joyosa

Part-song

Im - pe - ray - ritz de la ciutat jo - yo - - - sa,
 de pa - ra - dis ab. tot ga - ug e - ter - nal, ne - ta de crims, de
 vir - tuts ha - bun - do - - - sa, may - res de dieu per
 o - bra di - vi - nal. Ver - ges pla - sen, ab fas an - ge - li -
 cal, ai - xi com sotz a dieu molt gra - ci - o - - -
 sa, pla - caus es - tar als fi - zels pi - a - do - - -
 sa, per - gant per lor al Rey ce - les - ti - - - al.

1. Imperayritz de la ciutat joyosa
de paradis ab tot gaug eternal,
neta de crims, de virtuts habundosa,
mayres de dieu per obra divinal.
Verges plasen, ab fas angelical,
aixi com sotz a dieu molt graciosa,
placaus estar als fizels piadosa,
preyan per lor al rey celestial.

2. Rosa flagran de vera benenança
fons de micerce jamays no defallen
palays d'onor on se fech l'aliança
de Deu e d'hom per nostre salvamen
efo ver Dieus es hom perfetamen
ses defallir en alcuna substança
e segons hom mori senes dubtança
e com ver Dieus leuech del monimen.

3. Flor de les flor dolça clement et pia
l'angel de Dieu vesem tot corrocat
e par que Dieus lamandat qu'ens alcia
Don el es prest ab l'estoch affilat.
Donchos placavos que'l sia comandat
qu'estoyg l'estoch e que remies nos sia
tot fallimen troen lo presen dia
ens done gaug e patz e sanitat.

4. Verges ses par misericordiosa
de vos se tany quans defenatz de mal
eno siats devas nos endenyosa
pels falimentz que fem engeneral.
Mas quens cubratz ab lo manto real
de pietat pus quen etz cupiosa
car totz em faytz d'avo pasta fangosa
per que fallir es de carn humana.

5. Vexell de pats, corona d'esperança
Port de salut, be segur de tot ven
vos merexets de tenir la balança
on es pesat be dreytureramen
e pesa mays vostre fill excellen,
mort en la crotz per nostra deliurança
quels peccats d'om en fayt nen cobegança
al be fizel confes e peniden.

6. Estel de mar qui los perillans guia
es fay venir a bona salvetat,
si Ihesu Christo besir no volia
co que per vos li sera suplicat
mostratz lils pitz d'on l'avetz alletat
et totz los santz ab la gran ierarchia
de paradis quius faran companya
tot quan volretz vos er ben autreyat.



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10. *Ad mortem festinamus*

Death dance

6 *Ad mortem fes - ti - namus, pec - ca - re de - sis - ta - mus, pec - ca - re de - sis-*
 11 *ta - mus. Scri - be - re pro - po - su - i de con-temp-tu mun - da - no,*
 16 *ut de - gen - tes se - cu - li non mul - cen - tur in va - no. Jiam est ho - ra*
 sur - ge - re a somp - no mor - tis pra - vo, a somp - no mor - tis pra - vo.

2. Vita brevis breviter
in brevi finietur.
Mors venit volociter
quae neminem veretur.
Omnia mors perimit
et nulli miseretur.

3. Ni conversus fueris
et sicut puer factus,
et vitam mutaveris
in meliores actus,
intrare non poteris
regnum Dei beatus.

4. Tuba cum sonuerit,
dies erit extrema
et iudex advenerit,
vocabit sempiterna
electos in patria
prescitos ad inferna.

5. Quam felices fuerint
qui cum Christo regnabunt,
facie ad faciem
sic eum spectabunt,
Sanctus, sanctus Dominus
sabaot conclamabunt.

6. Et quam tristes fuerint
qui eterne peribunt,
pene non deficient
nec propter has obibunt.
Heu, heu, heu, miseri,
nunquam inde exibunt.

7. Cuncti reges seculi
et in mundo magnates
advertant et clerici
omnesque potestates:
fiant velut parvuli
dimittant vanitates.

8. Heu, fratres karissimi,
si digne contemplemus
passionem Domini,
amara et si flemus,
ut pupillam oculi
sevabit ne peccemus.

9. Alma Virgo virginum,
in celis coronata
apud tuum filium
sis nobis advocata.
Et post hoc exilium
occurrens mediata.

Vila cadaver eris
Cur non peccare vereris?
Cur intumescere quaeris?
Ult quid pecuniam quaeris?
Quid vestes pomposas geris?
Ult quid honores quaeris?
Cur non paenitens confiteris?
Contra proximum non laeteris?

EIGHT MEDIEVAL DANCES

FOR ONE OR TWO DESCANT RECORDERS
WITH OPTIONAL DRONE
AND PERCUSSION

1. DANSE, FRENCH 13TH CENTURY
 2. LA QUARTE ESTAMPIE REAL, FRENCH, 14TH CENTURY
 3. LA QUINTE ESTAMPIE REAL, FRENCH, 14TH CENTURY
 4. LA UITIME ESTAMPIE REAL, FRENCH, 14TH CENTURY
 5. SALTERELLO, ITALIAN, 14/15TH CENTURY
 6. STANTIPES (1), ENGLISH, 13TH CENTURY
 7. STANTIPES (2), ENGLISH, 13TH CENTURY
 8. STANTIPES (3), ENGLISH, 13TH CENTURY
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DANSE

FRENCH, 13TH CENTURY

MELODY

DRONE

PERCUSSION

SIMILE ->

This section shows the first measures of the piece. The Melody part consists of eighth notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The Drone part provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The Percussion part uses a simple pattern of eighth notes. A bracket labeled "SIMILE ->" spans the Drone and Percussion parts.

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1. OUVERT

2. CLOS

This section starts at measure 7. It includes two melodic variations: "1. OUVERT" (open) and "2. CLOS" (closed). The "OUVERT" variation features more complex eighth-note patterns, while the "CLOS" variation is more rhythmic and sustained.

17

This section continues the melodic line from the previous section, maintaining the rhythmic patterns established in measures 7-16.

25

1.

2.

This section begins at measure 25, continuing the "OUVERT" and "CLOS" melodic variations seen in the previous section.

33

This section continues the melodic line from measure 25, maintaining the established rhythmic patterns.

41

1.

2.

This section begins at measure 41, continuing the "OUVERT" and "CLOS" melodic variations seen in the previous sections.

LA QUARTE ESTAMPIE REAL

FRENCH, 14TH CENTURY

MELODY

DRONE

PERCUSSION

SIMILE ->

SIMILE ->

1

17 20 25

33 39

41

49

57 60 65

73

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81

89

97 100

105 1

113 2

121

127 1

134 2

LA QUARTE ESTAMPIE ROYAL

LA QUINTE ESTAMPIE REAL

FRENCH, 14TH CENTURY

MELODY

DRONE

PERCUSSION

1.

2.

13.

17.

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33.

45.

49.

SIMILE ->

LA ULTIME ESTAMPIE REAL

FRENCH, 14TH CENTURY

MUSIC SHEET

MELODY

DZONE

PERCUSSION

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SALTERELLO

ITALIAN, 14TH/15TH CENTURY

MELODY PRIMA PARTE

DRONE

PERCUSSION

BASS

1. APERTO 2. CHIOSO SECUNDA PARTE

13

1. 2. TEZZA PARTE

25

1. 2. QUARTA PARTE

37

1. 2.

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STANTIPES (1)

ENGLISH, 13TH CENTURY

MELODY

The musical score consists of four staves. The top three staves are grouped together and labeled "MELODY". The fourth staff is labeled "DRONE" and "PERCUSSION". The music is in common time (indicated by "8") and major key (indicated by a sharp sign). The "MELODY" staff features a single melodic line with various note heads and stems. The "DRONE" staff shows sustained notes with horizontal dashes underneath them. The "PERCUSSION" staff contains vertical bars with horizontal dashes, indicating rhythmic patterns. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

SIMILE →

17

25

33

41

The score continues from measure 17 to measure 41. The "MELODY" staff shows a more complex pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The "DRONE" staff maintains its sustained notes. The "PERCUSSION" staff shows a steady pattern of vertical bars with dashes. Measure numbers 17, 25, 33, and 41 are indicated above the staves at the beginning of each section.

STANTIPES (2)

ENGLISH, 13TH CENTURY

Musical score for Stantipes (2) in 13th-century English. The score consists of three staves. The top two staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C') and the third staff is in simple time (indicated by a '1'). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music features various note heads, including open circles, solid dots, and solid circles, with corresponding stems and bar lines. The bass line is indicated by a square symbol at the beginning of each measure.

Continuation of the musical score for Stantipes (2). The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and the bottom staff is in simple time (indicated by a '1'). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music continues with the characteristic note heads and stems from the previous section.

Continuation of the musical score for Stantipes (2). The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in common time (indicated by a 'C') and the bottom staff is in simple time (indicated by a '1'). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music continues with the characteristic note heads and stems from the previous sections.

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STANTIPES (3)

ENGLISH, 13TH CENTURY

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major. The first three staves begin with a treble clef, while the last three begin with a bass clef. The music features a variety of note heads, including solid black dots, open circles, and diagonal strokes. Measures 1 through 16 are shown, followed by measures 17 through 25, and finally measures 26 through 33. Measure 17 includes a key signature change to F# major.

*Agincourt Carol**



*Angelus ad virginem**



Brid one brer



Guillaume de Machaut: Douce dame jolie*



Walther von der Vogelweide: Palastinlied



A l'entrada del tens clar



Raimbaut de Vaqueiras: Kalenda Maya



L'homme armee*



Lullay, lullay: als i lay on Doolis night*



Worldes bliss ne last no throve



Edi beo thu hevene queene*



Guiraut de Borneill: Reis glorios (2 versions)

The musical notation consists of two sets of three staves each, representing two different versions of the piece. The staves are in common time and G major. The first set of staves begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of 3/4. The second set begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of 3/4. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines.

Sumer is icumen in*

The musical notation consists of five staves, all in common time and G major. The staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notation includes various note heads, stems, and bar lines, with some notes having dots above them.

Prendes i garde

Guillaume d'Amiens

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in common time (indicated by 'C') and treble clef. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The music features various note values including quarter notes, eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are in French and describe a scene of courtly love.

Prend - dés i gar - - de s'on mi re - gar - - de!

S'on mi re - gar - - de, di - tes le moi. C'est tout la jus

en cel bos - chai - ge; pren - dés i gar - - de, s'on mi re - gar - - de.

La pas - tou - - rele i gar - - de va - ches: "Plai - sans bru - nete a

vous m'o - troi!" Prend - dés i gar - - de,

s'on mi re - gar - - de,

di - - tes le moi.

Puer Natus in Bethlehem

anonym, Finnland

Piae Cantiones, 16. Jh.

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for the Tenor voice, and the bottom staff is for the Bassus voice. Both staves are in common time (indicated by '3/4'). The Tenor staff begins with a rest followed by a dotted half note. The Bassus staff begins with a rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section of lyrics is: "Pu - er na - tus in Beth - leh - hem ". The second section is: " " un - de gau - det Je - ru - sa - lem Al - le - - - -". The third section is: " - - - li - ia". The music concludes with a final cadence.

Tenor Bassus

3/4

Pu - er na - tus in Beth - leh - hem "

" un - de gau - det Je - ru - sa - lem Al - le - - - -

- - - li - ia

Reis glorios

Guiraut de Bornelh

Musical notation for 'Reis glorios' in G clef, 6/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics below each staff.

1
Reis glo- ri - os, ve - rais lums e clar - tatz,

6
Deus po-de - ros, Sen - her, si a vos platz,

11
Al meu com - panh si - atz fi - zels a - ju - da; Qu'e u no lo vi, pos

18
lanochs fo ven - gu - da, Et a-des se - ra l'al - ba!

En mai au douz tens nouvel

anonym, Frankreich, 13. Jh

Chansonnier de l'Arsenal, Hss.: K pag. 366, X fol. 236a

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a whole note followed by a dotted half note, then a whole note, another dotted half note, and so on. The lyrics for this staff are: En mai au douz tens nou - vel, O - i sor un ar - broi -. The second staff continues the melody with a whole note, a dotted half note, and a whole note, followed by the lyrics: Que ra - ver - dis - sent pra - el, sel Chan - ter le ro - si - gno - let: Sa - de - ra - la - don! The third staff begins with a whole note, followed by a dotted half note and a whole note, with the lyrics: Tant bon fet Dor - mir lez le buis - so net.

Saltarello (1)

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aperto/chiusso

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first two staves are labeled '1' and '2' above them, indicating the first and second parts respectively. Below these, the third and fourth parts are grouped together under a bracket and labeled 'prima pars'. Below the fifth and sixth parts, which are also grouped together under a bracket, is the label 'sechunda pars'. Below the seventh and eighth parts, which are also grouped together under a bracket, is the label 'tercja pars'. The ninth and tenth parts, which are also grouped together under a bracket, are labeled 'quartta pars'. The music is written in G clef, 6/8 time. The notation includes various note heads (solid black, open, filled with diagonal lines, etc.) and rests, suggesting different performance techniques or pitch levels.

Saltarello (2)

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aperto/chiusso



1 | 2

A single-line musical staff in common time. It is divided into two measures by a vertical bar. The first measure (labeled '1') contains the same eighth and sixteenth note pattern as the previous staff. The second measure (labeled '2') starts with a dotted half note followed by a colon, indicating a repeat or continuation of the pattern.

prima pars



sechunda pars



terça pars



quartta pars



Saltarello (3)

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prima pars



1

2



sechunda pars



1

2



terçia pars



[part 1 ab *



quattro pars

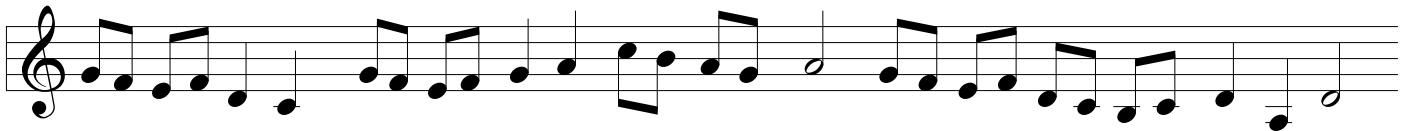
weiter mit
terçia pars



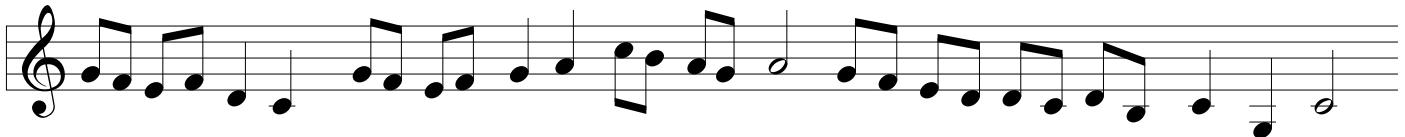
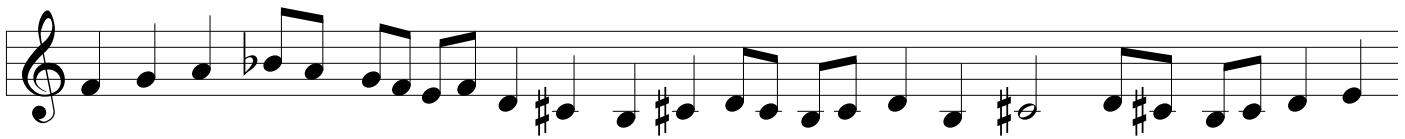
Saltarello (4)

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Aperto



Chiusso



Prima pars

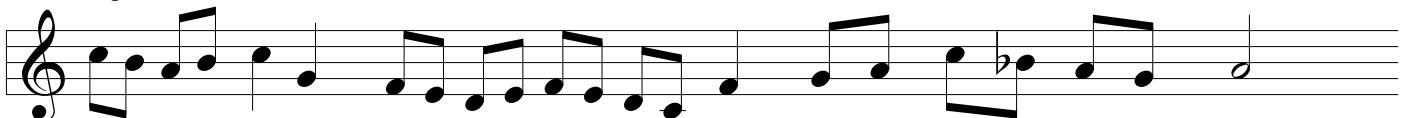


Secunda Pars besteht nur aus Aperto und Chiusso

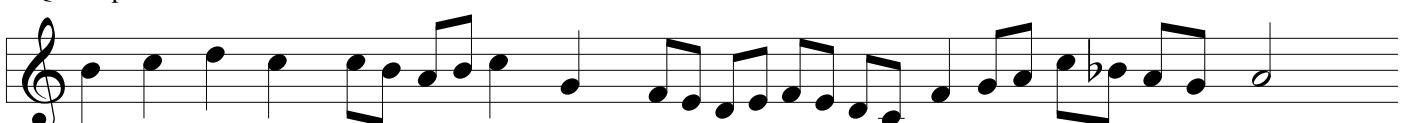
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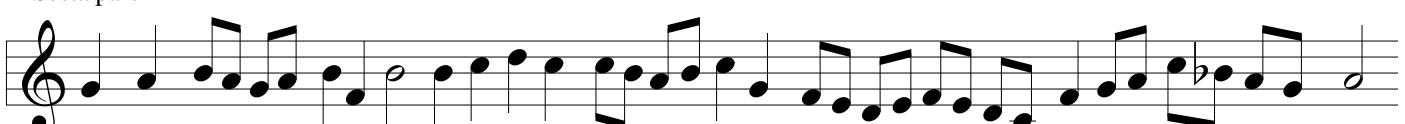
Quarta pars



Quinta pars



Sesta pars



Santa Maria, strelo do dia

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes grouped by brackets.

San-ta Ma - ri - a, stre - la do di - a. mos-tra-nos vi - a pe - ra Deus et nos

gui - a. Ca ve - er fa - zel - os er - ra - dos que per - der

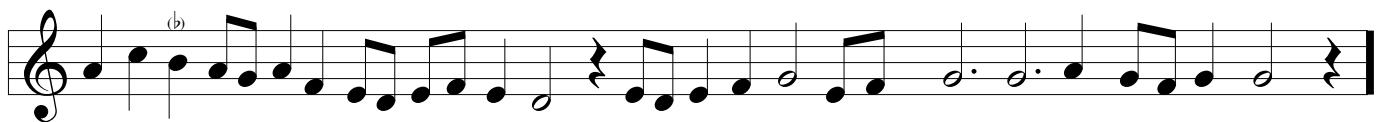
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per ti son per - do - a - dos da ou - sa - di - a que les fa - zi - a

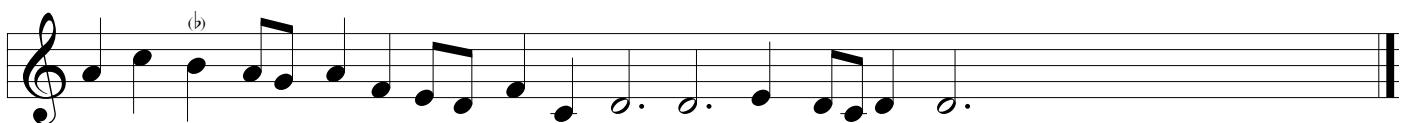
fa - zer fo - li - a mais que non de - ve - ri - a.

la 2de estampie royal

apertum



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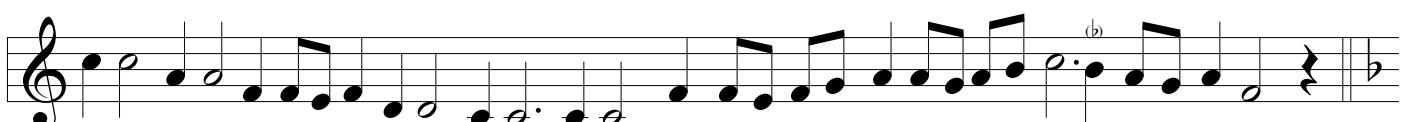
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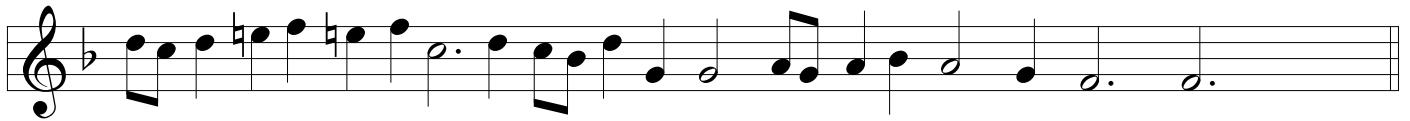
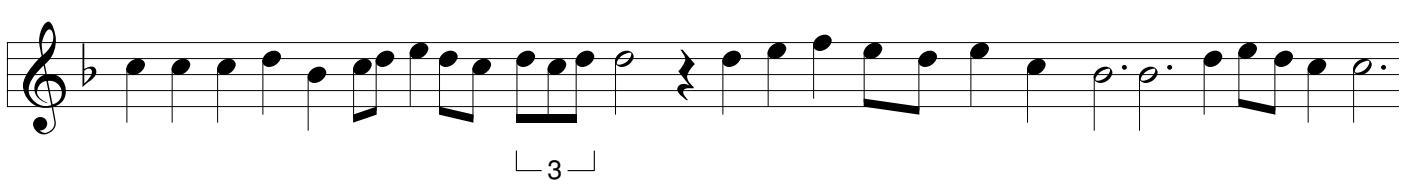
3.



4.



5.



Stella Splendens

Llibre Vermell de Montserrat

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Staff 1: Stel - la splen - dens in mon - te ut so - lis ra - di - um

Staff 2: Mi - ra - cu - lis se - rra - to ex - au - di po - pu - lum

Staff 3: Con - cu - runt u - ni - ver - si gau - den - tes - po - pu - li

Staff 4: Di - vi - tes et e - ge - ni, gran - des et par - vu - li

Der vil lieben sumerzît

Herr Neidhard

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time (indicated by 'C') and G major (indicated by a treble clef). The vocal line is in eighth note time (indicated by '8'). The lyrics are written below each staff.

1. Staff (Measures 1-5):
Der vil lie - ben su - mer - zt ma - nec her - ze wun - nec - lche er - la - chet
schouwet wie diu hei - de It mei - e wun - nec - I - chiu klei - der ma - chet

2. Staff (Measures 6-10):
6 swer den win - ter her in sen - den sor - gen was der sol n an h - hen vr u - den r - chen
8 lieh - te bluo-men dring - ent durch daz gre - ne gras nah - te gal ir h - gen lat dar str - chen

3. Staff (Measures 11-15):
12 schou - wet an den gre - nen walt der ht sich mit lou - be schn be - de - cket

4. Staff (Measures 16-20):
17 r - che ble - te ma - nec - valt vr h - tec saft z gre - nem zw ge er - we - cket

5. Staff (Measures 21-25):
22 swie der win - ter truoc dem su - mer gr - zen nt der ht in ge - wal - tec - lche er -
27 schre - cket

Trotto

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The musical score consists of five staves of music, each representing a different part (pars) of the piece. The parts are labeled as follows:

- prima pars**: The first staff. It starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The music begins with eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note pairs. A vertical bar line with an asterisk (*) appears at the end of the first measure.
- Aperto**: The second staff, starting with a dotted quarter note. It is labeled "Aperto".
- Chiusso**: The third staff, starting with a quarter note. It is labeled "Chiusso".
- secunda pars**: The fourth staff, starting with a dotted half note. It is labeled "secunda pars".
- terça pars**: The fifth staff, starting with a dotted half note. It is labeled "terça pars".
- weiter mit ***: This label appears above the secunda pars staff and the terça pars staff, indicating a continuation with the previous dynamic marking.
- quarta pars**: The sixth staff, starting with a dotted half note. It is labeled "quarta pars".
- weiter mit prima pars**: This label appears above the quarta pars staff, indicating a continuation with the first part's dynamics.
- quinta pars**: The seventh staff, starting with a dotted half note. It is labeled "quinta pars".
- weiter mit prima pars**: This label appears above the quinta pars staff, indicating a continuation with the first part's dynamics.

Dynamics and other markings include eighth-note pairs, sixteenth-note pairs, a vertical bar line with an asterisk (*), and a repeat sign with a colon (:) between the Aperto and Chiusso sections.

Veris ad imperia

conductus

Florenz, Laurenziana, Pluteo 29.1

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef and 6/4 time. The music is a conductus, characterized by its simple harmonic language and rhythmic patterns. The notation includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, along with rests. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines, and measure numbers (11) are indicated above the staff.

Winder, wie ist nû dîn kraft

Neidhardt von Reuenthal

A musical score consisting of eight staves of music. The music is written in common time (indicated by a 'C') and uses a soprano C-clef. The notes are primarily eighth notes and sixteenth notes, with some quarter notes and half notes. The score is divided into two systems by a double bar line with repeat dots. The first system ends with a half note followed by a fermata. The second system begins with a quarter note. The music includes various dynamics such as forte (f), piano (p), and sforzando (sf).

A l'entrada del temps clar

anonym, provençalisch

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are written below each staff.

1. A len - tra - da del tens clar, E - y - a Per joi - a re - co - men- ar,

2. 6 E - y - a E per je - los ir - ri - tar E - y - a Vol la re - gi -

3. 11 na mos-trar Qu el es si a - mo - ro - sa. A la vi A la vi -

4. 16 a Je - los Lais - saz nos Lais - sez nos Bal - lar en - tre nos,

5. 21 en - tre nos.

All voll - Glogauer Liederbuch

Discant

Tenor

Contratenor

D.

T.

Ct.

D.

T.

Ct.

The musical score consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef, a 9/4 time signature, and an 8th note duration. The voices are labeled on the left: Discant, Tenor, Contratenor, D., T., Ct., D., T., and Ct. The music features various note patterns and rests, with some notes connected by beams and others separated by vertical stems. The vocal parts are arranged vertically, with the Discant at the top and the Bass at the bottom.

D.

T.

Ct.

D.

T.

Ct.

D.

T.

Ct.

Chansoneta Tedescha (1)

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1 Prima Pars

5

9

13

17

21

25 Secunda Pars

29

33

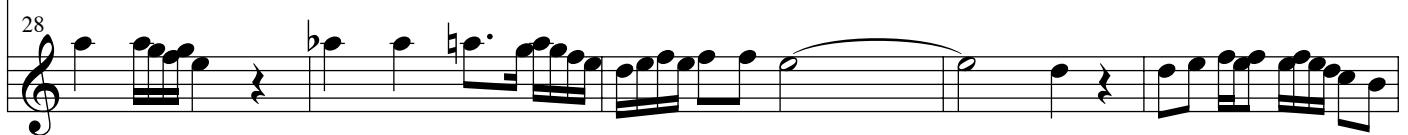
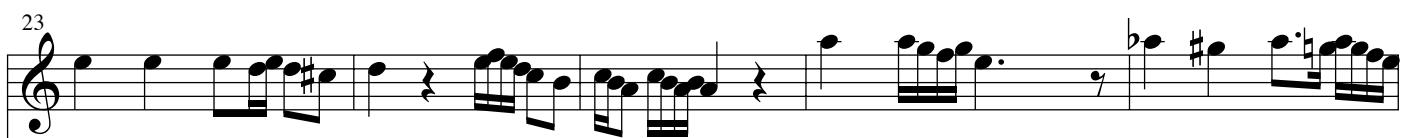
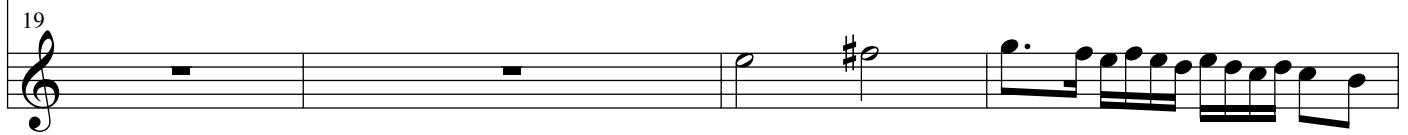
Chavalcando und giovine accorto

[Majestro Piero, 14.Jh]

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by 'c' on each staff). The key signature varies throughout the piece, including G major, F# major, E major, and D major.

- Staff 1:** Starts with a whole note (G major), followed by a sixteenth-note pattern (F# major), a whole note (E major), a half note (D major), and another sixteenth-note pattern (D major).
- Staff 2:** Starts with a half note (G major), followed by a whole note (F# major), a half note (E major), and another sixteenth-note pattern (D major).
- Staff 3:** Starts with a half note (G major), followed by a sixteenth-note pattern (F# major), a half note (E major), and another sixteenth-note pattern (D major).
- Staff 4:** Starts with a half note (G major), followed by a sixteenth-note pattern (F# major), a half note (E major), and another sixteenth-note pattern (D major).

Measure numbers are indicated on the left side of the staves: 5, 5, 10, 10, and 14.



42

A musical score for piano, showing a single staff with a treble clef. The key signature has two sharps. The measure begins with a dotted half note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern of eighth-note pairs. The pattern repeats three times, followed by a single eighth note. The measure ends with a fermata over the eighth note. The page number 10 is at the top left, and the measure number 46 is at the top right.

A musical score for piano, showing a single staff with a treble clef. The page number 10 is at the top left, and the measure number 46 is at the top right. The music consists of a series of notes and rests, primarily quarter notes and eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns and rests. The notes are mostly black, with one sharp sign appearing in the middle of the measure.

A musical staff in treble clef. It features a dotted half note on the first line. Following the note are four vertical stems, each ending in a small black square. The stems are positioned at the top of the second, fourth, and fifth lines, and at the bottom of the third line.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. The staff has five measures, each consisting of a single note on the second line. Measure 55 is labeled with the number 55 above the staff.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The tempo is marked as 60. There are six vertical bar lines dividing the staff into seven measures. Each measure contains a single black square note head on the fourth line of the staff.

Des oge mais quer' eu trobar

Cantigas de Santa Maria

CSM 1

The musical score for CSM 1 is presented in common time with a treble clef. It features eight staves of music, each with lyrics in Portuguese written below it. The lyrics are as follows:

Des o - ge mais quer eu tro - bar po -
E po - ren que ro co - me - çar co -
la Sen - nor on - rra - da en que Deus quis car -
mo foy sa - u - da de gab - ri - e - ll u
ne ar bey - ta e sa - - gra - - da por
lle cha - mar foy: "Be - na - ven - tu - ra - - da Vi -
nos dar gran sol - da - da no seu rey - no e
rgen de deus a - ma - da do que o mu - nd á
nos er - dar por seus de sa mas - na - da de
de sal - var fi - cas o - ra pre - nna - da e
vi - da per - lon - ga - da sen a - ver - mos pois a
de - mais ta cu - nna - da E - li - sa - beth, que foi
pa - sar per mo - rt ou - tra ver - ga - da
du - ltar, é e - nd' en - ver - go - nna - da

A surreal painting featuring a woman with long, flowing orange hair and a pink face. She is wearing a large, ornate orange headdress and a pink patterned dress. She is playing a brass instrument, possibly a tuba or a large trumpet, which has two faces: one on each side of her own. The background is dark and contains other figures, including a man with a mustache and a woman with a blue headband. The overall style is dreamlike and colorful.

MY
FAVOURITE
MUSIC

Skudrinka

Bulgaria

Presto

Tenor Recorder

5

9

13

Skudrinka 2

Bulgaria

Allegro

Tenor Recorder

5

La viudita de Miranda

Moderato

Recorder: 8th note, 2/4 time, G5, F6add2

Snare Drum: 2/4 time, G5, F6add2, D5

G5, Bb6add2, F6add2, Cadd2

G5, F6add2, G5, Bb6add2, Cadd2

D5, 1. D5, 2. D5

Miri it is while sumer ilast

from early-mid 13th century
(arr. Y. Skrypnik)

Soprano Recorder Em D Em D

Guitar

Em D Em Bm

Em Am G C D

Em Am G C Bm

G D C D E

Tourdion

Recorder Dm F Gm Dm C

Guitar 8

8

Dm C Dm Am Dm

1.

5

8

Dm Dm F C

2.

9

8

Dm F C Dm Am Dm

13

8

Douce Dame Jolie

V. 4

Guillaume de Machaut

Moderato

Tenor Recorder

Measure 1: Tenor Recorder part. Key signature: F# major (one sharp). Time signature: 4/4. The first measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. The second measure begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: Em, D, Em.

Measure 5: The lyrics are: Bm, Em, D, Em, Bm.

Measure 9: The lyrics are: Em, 2 Em, G.

Measure 13: The lyrics are: D, Em, Em.

Measure 17: The lyrics are: G, D, Em, Em.

Measure 21: The lyrics are: D, Em, Bm, Em.

Measure 25: The lyrics are: D, Em, Bm. Measures 26-27: A concluding section with two endings. Ending 1: Em. Ending 2: Em.

J'aim sans penser laidure

V. 14

Guillaume de Machaut

Allegro

1

Soprano Recorder

6 10 15 19

He dame de valour que j'aim

V. 11

Guillaume de Machaut

Allegro

1

Tenor Recorder

5 9 12

Dou mal qui m'a

V. 8

Guillaume de Machaut

Kalimba

1 Andante

6

11

16

Je vivroie liement

V. 23

Guillaume de Machaut

1 Con moto

Tenor Recorder

7

13

19

27



The Chanter Tune

Irish dance

Isvoros

Greece

Tenor Recorder

Maestoso Dm

Dm C Dm Gm

5 Gm Dm C Dm

9 Dm C Dm

Ajde pominuvam

Macedonian song

Vivace

Recorder

break Am Em D
Em D D Em
D Em **verse** G
chorus Am Em D
Em 1. 2.
16

The musical score for 'Ajde pominuvam' is written for a recorder. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff starts with a 'break' section in 7/8 time, followed by a verse in 8/8 time. The second staff continues in 8/8 time. The third staff begins with a 'chorus' section in 8/8 time. The fourth staff shows two endings: '1.' and '2.'. The fifth staff starts with a 'chorus' section in 4/4 time. The sixth staff concludes the piece.

Ai vis lo lop

Soprano Recorder

Presto Em D Em
C G D Em C D G D Em
1. 2.

The musical score for 'Ai vis lo lop' is written for a soprano recorder. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff starts with a 'Presto' section in 4/4 time, followed by a section in 8/8 time. The second staff continues in 8/8 time. The lyrics are in Macedonian (Em, D, Em, C, G, D, Em) and English (1., 2.).

Zamanska Igra

Bulgaria

Musical score for *Zamanska Igra*. The score consists of two staves: Recorder (top) and Guitar (bottom). Both staves are in common time (indicated by '15'). The Recorder staff uses a treble clef and the Guitar staff uses a bass clef. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The Recorder part features eighth-note patterns, while the Guitar part features sixteenth-note patterns. The score ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line.

Cercle Circassien

France

Musical score for *Cercle Circassien*. The score is for Soprano Recorder and includes lyrics. The tempo is **Presto**. The key signature changes throughout the piece, indicated by Am, G, F, and Am above the staff. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some grace notes and slurs. The piece concludes with a repeat sign and a double bar line.

Vulpita

Romania

Fast Am

Recorder

Guitar

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the Recorder, and the bottom two are for the Guitar. The music is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as 'Fast' and the key as 'Am'. The score is divided into four sections labeled G, C, D, and G, separated by vertical bar lines. The Recorder part features eighth-note patterns with grace notes and sixteenth-note figures. The Guitar part provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords. Measure numbers 8, 13, and 3 are indicated above specific measures.

8

3

3

G C D G

8

3

3

G C D G

13

3

3

Tant es gaya

Troubadour melodie

Con moto **1** Am Em G

Tenor Recorder

Snare Drum

Em 1. 2. C Am D

Bm Em C Bm C D G

D C 3 Am Em

G Em 1. 2. Em Am

The musical score consists of six staves of music for Tenor Recorder and Snare Drum. The Tenor Recorder part starts with a measure in 3/4 time, A major, followed by a repeat sign and another 3/4 section. The vocal line begins with 'Am' and continues with 'Em' and 'G'. The Snare Drum part provides a steady rhythmic foundation with vertical strokes. The second staff begins with 'Em' and includes first and second endings. The third staff starts at measure 14 with 'Bm', followed by 'Em', 'C', 'Bm', 'C', 'D', and 'G'. The fourth staff begins at measure 21 with 'D', followed by 'C', a three-measure section starting with '3' and 'Am', and then 'Em'. The fifth staff starts at measure 28 with 'G', followed by 'Em', a section starting with '1.' and 'Em', and then '2.' and 'Em'. The Tenor Recorder part uses a variety of note heads (solid, hollow, stems up, stems down) and stems to indicate different voices or articulations.

Daphne

England

Soprano Recorder

Tenor Recorder

Tenor Recorder

8/4

Em D Em G Bm Em Bm G D G G D G G

1.

Em D Em G Bm Em Bm G D/F# Em D Em

8/4

Em D Em G Bm Em Bm G D G G D G G

1.

Em D Em G Bm Em Bm G D/F# Em D Em

12/8

Em D Em G D/F# Em D Em Em D Em

Prince Rupert's March

England

Allegro

Recorder

1 Am E Am

2 G C Am

G E Am Am

Domakine

Macedonian song

Recorder

Em D Em D Em A Em

Em Am Em Am Em Dm Em

G D Am Em Dm Em

Lomka po lomka

Bulgaria

Allegretto Em

Recorder

Am B7 Em
G C D G C D
G Am B7 Em
2. G D Bm Em
Em G D Em
Em G D Em
Em D Bm G C
D Em D Bm G C
D Em D Bm G C
D Em D Bm G C
Am G Bm Em

Ball de Quatre Espases

Pau Albert Huergo Domènec

Allegretto Em

Recorder

Em G D Bm Em
Em G D Em
Em D Bm G C
D Em D Bm G C
D Em D Bm G C
D Em D Bm G C
Am G Bm Em

Dospatsko horo

Allegro

Bulgaria

Recorder

1 Em Am Em

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'Em'. The second measure has a quarter note 'Am' followed by an eighth note 'Em'. The third measure has a quarter note 'Em' followed by an eighth note 'Am'. Measure numbers 1 and 2 are indicated above the staff.

2 A D Em

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'A'. The second measure has a quarter note 'D' followed by an eighth note 'Em'. The third measure has a quarter note 'Em' followed by an eighth note 'A'. Measure number 2 is indicated above the staff.

A D Em A Em

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'A'. The second measure has a quarter note 'D' followed by an eighth note 'Em'. The third measure has a quarter note 'Em' followed by an eighth note 'A'. The fourth measure has a quarter note 'Em' followed by an eighth note 'A'. Measure number 3 is indicated above the staff.

3 D C G Am D G

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'D'. The second measure has a quarter note 'C' followed by a quarter note 'G'. The third measure has a quarter note 'Am' followed by a quarter note 'D'. The fourth measure has a quarter note 'G' followed by a quarter note 'D'. Measure number 3 is indicated above the staff.

D C G Am Bm Em

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'D'. The second measure has a quarter note 'C' followed by a quarter note 'G'. The third measure has a quarter note 'Am' followed by a quarter note 'Bm'. The fourth measure has a quarter note 'Em' followed by a quarter note 'D'. Measure number 4 is indicated above the staff.

4 D G Am

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'D'. The second measure has a quarter note 'G' followed by a quarter note 'Am'. Measure number 4 is indicated above the staff.

D G Am Bm Em

This musical score shows a single staff for a recorder. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by '8'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'D'. The second measure has a quarter note 'G' followed by a quarter note 'Am'. The third measure has a quarter note 'Bm' followed by a quarter note 'Em'. Measure number 5 is indicated above the staff.

Paikos Tancz

Anonymus
arr. by Y. Skrypnik

Vivo

Soprano Recorder

Alto Recorder

Guitar

Frame Drum



La Vaca Ventanera

Allegretto

Recorder Drum

1

2

1.

2.

3

1.

2.

Dune mori malaj mome

Bulgaria

Allegro

break

Recorder

C G C G C

Dm Am F G Am

Am C D Dm Am

G C Dm Am

Birjina Gaztettobat Zegoen

Basque

Allegretto

Soprano Recorder

Am F G C

Am F E Am C

Am Dm C G Dm E7

Am Dm F E Am Am

Am Dm F E Am Am

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Introduction

This is a collection of medieval tunes from 12th -14th Centuries. It is a very small selection from the thousands of tunes written down in this period. It has been compiled mainly as a source of instrumental pieces, though singers may also find it useful. We have tried to select some of the more 'catchy' melodies, to emphasise that music of this period is not necessarily difficult to perform or to enjoy, and that there's a lot more to it than 'chant'. We have also tried to list as many sources as possible for finding further music.

Almost all of the pieces are originally songs (as very little instrumental music was ever written down) but we have found that most of this selection can work well on instruments alone. Playing a tune on whatever instruments were available is the most likely period practice - pieces were not 'scored' for particular instruments till the renaissance. Most of these tunes work well with a simple accompaniment (drones, parallel octaves, fourths or fifths, 'shadowing', simple counter melodies, percussion, etc - but avoid modern guitar-type 1-3-5 chords!). The tune could be played by a single self-accompanying instrument (fiddle or other strings, harp, bagpipe, etc.) or two or three contrasting instruments (e.g. plucked + bowed + wind). Or, of course, they can be sung, with or without accompaniment. Our experience is that they are not good pieces for large ensembles or recorder consorts - as is the case for almost all medieval music.

Relative Pitches

There was no notion of fixed pitch in the medieval period. A melody may have been notated as starting on D but this was an indication of the mode (the disposition of whole and half tones in a scale) and not a specific note as played on a piano. The melody would be sung at whatever pitch was convenient. The songs included here have been notated in a pitch suitable for the instruments on which we play them. They can be transposed to any pitch that is comfortable for your voice or that lies well on your instruments. Few of the melodies have a range of more than a ninth.

Tempo

None of the melodies in the manuscripts have any indication of tempo. The limitations of a singer are probably the best guide to tempo. They obviously would not have been sung faster than is possible to sing - though you cannot rule out an instrumentalist getting carried away - but a tune also can get too slow. A useful rule-of-thumb is that a line of text should be sung in one breath. If you cannot sing the line without taking a breath it is probably too slow.

Lyrics

In most cases we have included only the first stanza of the songs. This is to save space and avoid upsetting anyone over copyrights. The bibliography has references that should help you find the rest of the words. Complete versions (sometimes with translations) can often be found on the internet usually by searching on the first few words of the song; you may find more accurate transcriptions than we were capable of doing. It is also worth noting that it was a period practice to invent new words to fit an old tune, so feel free to supply your own.

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Troubadour and Trouvère

These tunes come from the 12th and 13th centuries, from what is now France. The Troubadours were from the south (but also from parts of NW Italy and Catalonia) and wrote songs in Old Occitan. About 3000 songs, but only 300 with music, have been recorded in manuscripts. The Trouvères were from the northern areas and wrote in Old French. They flourished slightly later than the Troubadours, but used the same forms and similar style. There are thousands of Trouvère songs recorded in manuscripts.

Nearly all the troubadour (and many of the trouvère) songs were notated without any rhythm. It is likely that most of them would have been performed freely (though this is hotly debated) and possibly unaccompanied (even more hotly debated) but some are of a more popular style which can imply rhythm and use of instruments. It is known that instrumentalists made arrangements of popular songs, so it seems reasonable to play this music. One way to transform a troubadour or trouvère tune to an instrumental is to arrange it in the estampie form (see below). We have included a late troubadour tune 'Pus astres' and our own estampie arrangement of it as an example.

Generally, the structure of most troubadour and trouvère songs is strophic, that is, a series of strophes sung to the same music. As stated earlier we have only included the first strophe.

Kalenda Maya

One of the better-known troubadour tunes. It was composed by Raimbaut de Vacqueiras and is said to have used the melody from an 'estampida' played by two northern French fiddlers at the court of the Count of Montferrat. It tells that none of the joys of May can please the singer until he has a message of love from his Dona (the Lady - the object of his love).

Ka - len-da ma - ya, ne fuelh de fa-ya ni chan d'au - zel ni flor de gla - ya,
Non truep que.m pla-ya pros do-na ga-ya tro c'un ir - nel mes - sa - tje n'a - ya,
Del vos-tre bel, cors que.m re - tra - ya, Pla - zer no - vel c'a - mors m'a - tra - ya,
Qu'ieu a - ya, e.m tra-ya vas vos, do - na ve - ra-ya,
E cha-ya de pla-ya ge - los ans que.m n'es - tra - ya.

Be m'an perdu

This is a song by the most famous of the troubadours - Bernart de Ventadorn. Strictly speaking, this is a Canso - the highest form of the troubadour songs. Many people believe they should be sung a-rhythmically and unaccompanied. The melodic structure (AAB) is a common one in this repertory, though here the first part of the melody is repeated with a slightly different ending. This form was to influence the Ballade form of later periods. This is our own rhythmic arrangement for playing instrumentally - the tune is too good not to use. Bernart complains of being exiled from Ventadorn because his lady is angry at him - for loving her too much.

The musical score is in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

Be m'an per-dut lay en - ves Ven - ta - dor-n
Tuih mei a - mic pos ma do - na no m'a - ma
Et es be dreihz que ja mais lai no torn
C'a - des es - tai vas me sal - vat j'e gra - ma.
Veus per que.m fai sem - blan i - rat e morn:
Car en s'a - mor mi de - lieg em so - jorn
E de res als nos ran - cu - ra nis cla - ma.

A l'entrada del tens clar

Another well-known tune that, curiously, has found its way back into the modern Provencal folk canon. We have given two arrangements here. Our favourite is the first in 7/8 which gives it a lively momentum. For those of a more delicate disposition we also include a version in 6/8.

7/8 time signature, treble clef, key of G major.

Lyrics:

- A l'en-trá-da del tens clar, e - y - a!
- Pir joi-e re - co-men-car, e - y - a!
- et pir ja - lous ir - ri - tar, e - y - a! vol la re - gi - ne mos-tar te'ele est-si a - mo - lou se.
- A la vi - e, a la vi - e, Ja - lous, las-saz nos, (las-saz nos),
- Bal-lar en-tre nos, en-tre nos

6/8 time signature, treble clef, key of G major.

Lyrics:

- A l'en-trá-da del tens clar, e - y - a!
- Pir joi-e re - co-men-car, e - y - a!
- et pir ja - lous ir - ri - tar, e - y - a! vol la re - gi - ne mos-tar te'ele est-si a - mo - lou se.
- A la vi - e, a la vi - e, Ja - lous, las-saz nos, (las-saz nos),
- Bal-lar en-tre nos, en-tre nos

Pus astres and estampie

This is a refrain song by the late troubadour Guiraut Riquier. It tells of the poet's wish to be instructed in the ways of true love amoungst the noble and gracious ladies of Catalonia (presumably written for the court there).

The estampie is made up from sections of the original tune. The 'open' and 'close' are the two halves of the refrain. This form allows you to add extra sections if you wish - variations, freely composed, improvised, etc. (See Estampies Real for more on this form.)

Musical score for 'Pus astres and estampie' featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Pus as - tres no m'es do - natz Que de mi-dons bes m'es - cha-ia,
 Ni nulhs mos pla - zers no.l platz, Ni ai po-der que.m n'es - tra-ia,
 Ops m'es qu'ieu si - a fon - datz En vi - a d'a - mor ve - ra - ia;
 E puec n'a-pen - re as - satz En Ca - ta - lue - nha la ga-ia,
Refrain
 En tre.ls Ca-ta - lans va - lens E las do - nas a - vi - nens.

Estampie on Pus astres

Musical score for 'Estampie on Pus astres' showing four staves of music. The first staff is labeled '1st Punctum'. The second staff is labeled '2nd Punctum'. The third staff is labeled '3rd Punctum'. The fourth staff is labeled '4th Punctum'. The music consists of eighth-note patterns. Above the music, the following labels are placed:

- 1st Punctum: 1st Punctum
- 2nd Punctum: 1st Open ... 2nd Close ...
- 3rd Punctum: 1st Open ... 2nd Close ...
- 4th Punctum: 1st Open ... 2nd Close ...

Domna, pos vos ai chausida and Tant es gaya

These are two examples of Dansas or dance songs. They are some of the very few troubadour melodies to be written in mensural notation (i.e. the manuscript indicates note duration as well as pitch value). It is also common that dansas only have one strophe in the manuscript. The structure of these is similar to the virelai (AbaA - see Cantigas de Santa Maria) where the first two lines act as a refrain, followed by a new section of music, then a repeat of the first section's music to new words, then a repeat of the first section (refrain). This form differs in that it has no more stanzas to follow.

Dom - na, pos vos ai chau - si - da, fatz-me bel sem - blant,
 qu'ieu sui a to - ta ma vi - da a vos - tre co - mand.
 A vos - tre co - mand se - rai
 a tots los jorns de ma vi - a,
 e ja de vos no'm par - trai
 per de - gu - na au - tra que si - a,
 qu'E - recs non a - met E - ni - da tant ni'I - seuts Tris - tan
 com ieu vos, dom - na gra - si - da, qu'ieu am ses en - gan
 Dom - na, pos vos ai chau - si - da, fatz-me bel sem - blant,
 qu'ieu sui a to - ta ma vi - da a vos - tre co - mand.

Tant es gaya

A musical score for 'Tant es gaya' featuring a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The music consists of eight staves of music, each with lyrics in French. The lyrics are as follows:

Tant es ga - y'et a - vi - nentz mi - donz, que fin pretz am - pa - ra,
e sa beu - tats si pla - sents per qu'ieu l'am e la tenh ca - ra.
Tant la sai de joi com - pli - da
que non n'a par, sees men - ti - re;
ga - ya, pros et eis - ser - ni - da
per qu'ieu l'am ses con - tra - di - re;
e par es - lu - me-na - ments, tant a fres - ca co - lor ca - ra.
Et a tots bons com-pli - ments e va - lor qu'en ren no's va - ra.
Tant es ga - y'et a - vi - nentz mi - donz, que fin pretz am - pa - ra,
e sa beu - tats si pla - sents per qu'ieu l'am e la tenh ca - ra.

Three Caroles – Tuit cil, Que ferai and C'est la fins

Medieval caroles have no particular connection to Christmas but rather are a type of dance song. The popularity of caroles can be measured by the large number of medieval sermons denouncing the dancing of caroles (often in the church graveyard). Unfortunately, we do not have any record of what the dance was apart from various painted depictions which show dancers in a line or a circle. The three caroles included here (the first in Occitan; the other two in Old French) show the standard form of these songs. The capitalised text is sung by all the dancers; the rest by the soloist - a form that you can be echoed by an instrumental group. There is never more than one stanza recorded for caroles. People appeared to have spent hours caroling so, presumably, they repeated them many times, made up new words (on the trot, as it were), strung a number of caroles together, or used any other idea to keep the dancers moving.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff contains the text: TUIT CIL QUI SUNT AN - A - MOU-RAT VIE - GNENT DAN-CAR, LI AU-TRE NON!. The second staff contains: La re - gi-ne le com - men-dat! TUIT CIL QUI SUNT AN - A - MOU-RAT. The third staff contains: Que li ja-lous soi - ent fus-tat Fors de la dan - ce d'un bas-ton. The fourth staff contains: TUIT CIL QUI SUNT AN - A - MOU-RAT VIE - GNENT DAN-CAR, LI AU - TRE NON!

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff contains the text: LI RE - GART DE SES VERZ EUZ M'O - CIST. The second staff contains: Que fe - rai, biau si - re Diex? LI RE - GART DE SES VERZ EUZ. The third staff contains: J'ai - ten - drai pou a - voir mieux mer - ci. The fourth staff contains: LI RE - GART DE SES VERZ EUZ M'O - CIST.

C'est la fins

A musical score for 'C'est la fins' featuring four staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Staff 1: C'EST LA FINS KOI QUE NUS DI-E, J'A - ME - RAIS.

Staff 2: C'est la jus en mi le pre C'EST LA FINS JE VUL A - MER.

Staff 3: Jus et baus i a le - ves; Be-le a - mie ai.

Staff 4: C'EST LA FINS KOI QUE NUS DI-E, J'A - ME - RAIS.

J'a nun hons pris

Attributed (by some) to Richard Lionheart and said to have been written whilst he was being held captive in Austria. It is basically a complaint that no-one is paying his ransom - but a lovely tune. This one is good to sing or play fairly freely - don't let it become a waltz.

A musical score for 'J'a nun hons pris' featuring six staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below each staff. Measure 3 is indicated above the third staff, and measure 3 is indicated above the fifth staff.

Staff 1: J'a nun hons pris ne di - ra sa rai - son,

Staff 2: A - droi-te - ment, se do - lan - te-ment non.

Staff 3: Mais par ef - fort puet il fai - re chan - son,

Staff 4: Mout ai a - mis, mais pov - re sunt li don.

Staff 5: Hon-tei a - vront, se por ma re - an - son

Staff 6: Sui ca Deus y - vers pris

Au renouvel

This is an example of one of the lighter styles of trouvère song. A knight is riding along in spring and overhears a debate between two women in a field as to whether it is better to love a poor man who is handsome and refined or a rich man with no beauty or brains...

Au re - nou - vel du tens que la flo - re - te Nest pae ces prez et in - dete et blan - che - te,
Trou - vai soz u - ne cou - dre - te coil - lant vi - o - le - te
Da - me qui re - sen - bloit fe - e et sa com - pai - gne - te,
A qui el se de - men - tiot De deus a - mis qu'ele a - voit Au quel ele ert a - mi - e:
Ou au po - vre qu'est cor - tois, Preuz et lar - ges plus que rois Et biaus sanz vi - la - ni - e,
Ou au ri - che qu'a as - sez a - voir et ma - nan - di - e,
Mes en li n'a ne biau - te ne sens ne cor - toi - si - e.

Estampies Real

Two of the 7 (and a half) "Estampies Real" (i.e. royal estampies) from the *Manuscrit du Roi*. The estampie was also a dance form, but we know even less about how it was danced than the carole. It also appears to have been the most common form of instrumental music (but there are only 30-odd instrumental pieces recorded before 1400). What is distinctive is the form, with each section repeating a melody first with an 'open' ending, then with a 'closed' ending, and the same endings used throughout. They are much played and loved by instrumentalists. These two make a nice pair (we usually play them in the opposite order - no. 6 then no. 5)

Estampie no. 5

The musical score for Estampie no. 5 consists of four staves of music. Each staff is labeled with a 'Punctum' number: 1st Punctum, 2nd Punctum, 3rd Punctum, and 4th Punctum. Each punctum has a '1. Open' ending and a '2. Close' ending. The music is written in common time with a treble clef. The notation includes various note heads and stems, with some notes having vertical dashes through them. The 'Open' endings are marked with a bracketed '1. Open' above the staff, and the 'Close' endings are marked with a bracketed '2. Close' above the staff.

Note: the end of each punctum has the complete 'Open' on the first time through, then the complete 'Close' on the repeat.

Estampie no. 6

The musical score for Estampie no. 6 consists of four staves of music. Each staff is labeled with a 'Punctum' number: 1st Punctum, 2nd Punctum, 3rd Punctum, and 4th Punctum. Each punctum has a '1. Open' ending and a '2. Close' ending. The music is written in common time with a treble clef. The notation includes various note heads and stems, with some notes having vertical dashes through them. The 'Open' endings are marked with a bracketed '1. Open' above the staff, and the 'Close' endings are marked with a bracketed '2. Close' above the staff.

Miri it is while sumer ilast

Very few songs in (Middle) English have survived with music (all of them can be found in Dobson and Harrison, *Medieval English Songs.*) as most songs at this time were written in Anglo-Norman or Latin. Most that have been found are fragments, eg. with the manuscript used in bindings for later books. Such is the case for 'Miri it is'. It is fortunate that we now have the tune but unfortunate that it was at the bottom of the fragment so only the first stanza has survived. This song dates from early-mid 13th century and probably comes from around Cambridge which, presumably, had some spectacularly miserable winters in those days.

Musical notation for 'Miri it is while sumer ilast' in G clef, common time. The lyrics are as follows:

Miri it is whi - le su - mer i - last with fu - ghe - les song,
oc nu ne - heth win - des blast and we - der strong.
Ei, ei what this niht is long, and ich, with wel mi - chel wrong,
so - regh and murn and fast.

Cantigas de Santa María (CSM)

These are from the collection of 400+ songs relating miracles performed by the Virgin Mary recorded in four manuscripts (only three with music), commissioned by Alfonso X 'El Sabio' (the Wise) of Castille in the late 13th century. The stories themselves seem to vary from the fanciful to the extremely implausible and often go on at great length (up to 30 stanzas) - no doubt all part of a fine evening's entertainment.

The tunes are often in a popular 'folk' style with refrains that could have been sung by the original audience in much the same way as more recent folk tunes. Many of the tunes would make a good basis for filk.

The form of most cantigas is the Virelai. This starts with the refrain and then has stanzas with refrains between and ends again with the refrain. The second part of each stanza has the same melody as the refrain. This can be expressed as:

AbaAbaAba... where 'A' is the refrain,

'b' is the first part of the stanza (often with a repeated section), and

'a' is the second part of the stanza to the music of the refrain

The notation used by the scribes for the cantigas indicates the rhythm (unlike the troubadour and trouvère repertory) but in many places is quite ambiguous. It is quite possible for different people to transcribe these tunes with very different rhythmic interpretation. Most of those we have included are generally accepted transcriptions with minor differences (except CSM 9 which has a non-standard rhythm but seems entirely plausible to us).

The numbering of the cantigas is different in each manuscript. The numbering we use is from E1 (El Escorial MS B.I.2 / B.J.2 / j.b.2) which is the same as used by Hingio Anglés in his complete edition.

A very useful website for the Cantigas with facsimiles is <http://www.pbm.com/~lindahl/cantigas/>

Included:

CSM 7 - Santa Maria amar

CSM 9 - Por que nos aiamos

CSM 100 - Santa Maria Stella do Dia

CSM 111 - En todo tempo

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CSM 139 - Maravillosos et piadosos

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CSM 377 - Sempr'a Virgen groriosa

CSM 391 - Como pod' a groriosa

CSM 7 - Santa Maria amar

Refrain

San-ta Ma-ri - a a - mar de - ve - mos muit' e ro - gar que
 a ssa gra - ca pon - na so - bre nos, por - que er - rar
 non nos fa - ca nen pec - car o de - mo sen ver - gon - na.

Stanza

Po-ren - de vos con - ta - rey d'un mi - ra - gre que a - chei, que
 por hu - a ba - des - sa fez a Ma-dre do gran Rei,
 ca, per com' eu a - pres' ei, e - ra - xe su - a es - sa.
 Mas o de-mo en - ar - tar a foi, por - que em - pren - nar s'ou-
 ve d'un de Bo - lon - na, o - me que de ra - ca - dar
 a - vi - a, et de guar - dar, seu feit' e sa be - son - na.

CSM 9 - Por que nos aiamos

Refrain

Por que nos a - ia - mos sen-pre, noit' e di - a, de-la re-nen-bran-ça,
en Do-mas ac - ha-mos que San-ta Ma-r - ia fez gran de-mo-stran - ça.

Stanza

En es - ta ci - da - de, que vos ei ja di - ta, ouv' y hu - a do - na, de mui san - ta vi - da,
Mui fa - ze - dor d'alg - u'e, de to - do mal qui - ta, ri - ca e mui no - bre, e de ben com - pri - da
Mas, por que sa - biá-mos co - mo non que - ri - a do mun - do ga - ban - ça,
co - mo fez di - ga - mos h al - ber - ga - ri - a, u fi - llou mo - ran - ça.

CSM 100 - Santa Maria Stella do Dia

Refrain

San - ta Ma - ri - a Ste - la do di - a mos - tra nos ui - a pe - ra Deus et nos gui - a.

Stanza

Ca ue er fa - zel os er - ra - dos que per - der fo - ran per pe - ca - dos
en - ten - der de que mui cul - pa - dos son, mais per ti son per - do - a - dos
da ou - sa - di - a que illes fa - zi - a fa - zer fo - li - a mais que non deu - e - ri - a.

CSM 119 - Como somos per consello

Refrain

Co - mo so - mos per cons - se - llo do de - mo per - du - tos.
as - si so - mos pe - lo da vir - gen dost ac - ce - ru - tos.

Stanza

Des-to di-rei un mi-ra-gre on-te gran fa - ca - na fi - lla re-des que a vir-gen fe - zo en es - pa - nna
dun o - me que de di - a - bos bua i gran es - pa - nna
leu - a - nan pe - ra pe - a - ren con os des - cre - u - tos.

CSM 139 - Maravillosos et piadosos

Refrain

Ma - ra - vi - llo - sos et pi - a - do - sos Et mui fre - mo - sos mi - ra - gres faz
San - ta Ma - ri - a, a que nos gui - a, Ben noit, e di - a e nos da paz.

Stanza

E d'est un mi - ra - gre vos con - tar que - ro que en Fran - des a - ques - ta Vir - gen fez,
Ma - dre de Deus, ma - ra - vi - lllos et fe - ro por hu - a do - na que foi hu - a vez
A sa ei - grei - a, d'es - ta que sei - a Por nos et vei - a - mo - la sa faz
No pa - ra - y - so u Deus dar qui - so Go - yo et ri - so a quen lle praz.

CSM 159 - Non soffre Santa Maria

Refrain

Non sofre Santa Maria de se - e - ren per - di - do-sos
os que as sas ro - ma - ri - as son de fa - zer de - sei - o-sos.

Stanza

E d'est' o yd un mi - ra-gre de que uos que - ro fa - lar,
que mos - trou San - ta Ma - ri - a per com eu o y con - tar
a u - is ro - meus que fo - ron a Ro - ca - ma - dor o - rar
co - mo mui bo - os cris - cha - os sim - ple - ment e o - mil - do-sos.

CSM 167 - Quen quer que

Refrain

Quen quer que na Vir-gen fi - a e a ro - ga de fe - men *3* - ça,
 va - ler - ll - á, pe - ro que se - ja d'ou - tra lee en cre - en - ça
Stanza
 De - sta ra - zon fez mi - ra - gre Santa Ma - ri - a, fre - mo - so,
 de Sa - las, por ha mou - ra de Bor - ja, e pi - a - do - so,
 ea un fi - llo que a - vi - a, que cri - a - va, mui vi - çô *3* - so,
 lle mor - re - ra mui coi - ta - do da [muy] for - te do - en - ça.

CSM 302 - A madre de Jhesu Cristo

Refrain

A ma - dre de Jhe - su Cris - to que e se - nnor de no - bre - zas
non sof - fre que en sa ca - sa fa - can fur - tos nen vi - le - zas.

Stanza

E d'est un mui gran mi - ra - gre vos di - rei que me ju - ra - ron
o - me - es de bo - a vi - da e por ver - da - de mos - tra - ron
que fe - zo San - ta Ma - ri - a de Mons - sar - rat, e con - ta - ron
Do que fez un a - vol o - me por mos - trar sas a - vo - le - zas

CSM 377 - Sempr'a Virgen groriosa

Refrain

Sem - pr'a Vir - gen gro - ri - o - sa ao que s'en e - la fi - a
a - ju - da - o per que ven - ca gran bra - ve - za e per - fi - a.

Stanza

E de tal ra - zon com' es - ta fez un mi - ra - gr'a rey - nna
San - ta Ma - ri - a do Por - to por un o - me que se tij - nna
con e - la e os seus li - vros pin - ta - va ben e a - gi - nna,
as - si que a mui - tos ou - tros de sa - ber pin - ta ven - ci - a.

CSM 391 - Como pod' a groriosa

Refrain

Co-mo pod' a gro-ri - o - sa os mor - tos fa - zer vi - ver,
ben ou - tros - si pod' os nem - bros dos con - trei - tos cor - re - ger.

Stanza

Des-to di - rei un mi - ra - gre que e - no gran Por - to fez,
que e seu des - ta Re - in - na glo-ri - o - sa de gran prez,
a u - a mo - ca que ve - o y con - trei - ta de Xe - rez,
que be - yes as - si na - ce - ra, se - gun que o - i di - zer.

Italian Lauda

The Laudi were devotional hymns of the confraternities of Italy in the 13th – 14th century. They were often used in processions involving a number of singers and instrumentalists (laudesi). Some have suggested that many Laudi were sacred texts set to popular tunes (a common process as was the setting of secular texts to ‘sacred’ melodies). This would appear to be a largely untapped area of medieval music. It is also a fine source for ‘ceremonial’ music.

Lauda novela

Refrain

Lau - da no - vel - la si - a can - ta - ta A l'al - ta don - na en - co - ro - na - ta.

Stanza

Fres - ca ver - ge - ne don - cel - la Pri - mo fior ro - sa no - vel - la

Tut - to'l mon - do a te s'a - pel - la Nel - la bo - nor fo - sti na - ta

Plangiamo quel crudel

Refrain

Plan - gia - mo quel cru - del ba - scia - re

Stanza

Ke fe' per noi De - o cru - cia - re.

Ven - ne Ju - da fra - di - to - re,

Ba - scio li die - d'e gran do - lo - re; Lo qual fa - ciam noi per a - mo - re

A lui fo si - gno di pe - na - re.

Guillame de Machaut

Guillame de Machaut was the secretary to, in succession, the Kings of Luxembourg, Navarre, France and Cyprus and was active through much of the 14th century. He was probably the most influential composer and poet in France in that period. He has been described as the bridge between the older styles (ars antiqua) and the new (ars nova). Although better known for his sacred and polyphonic works we have included 2 of his monophonic virelai.

Comment qu'a moy lonteinne

Refrain

Com - ment qu'a moy lon - tein - ne soi - es, da - me d'on - nour
si m'es - tes vous pro - chein - ne par pen - ser nuit et jour.

Stanza

Car sou - ve - nir me mein - ne si qu'a - des sans se - jour
vo biau - te sou - ve - rein - ne vo gra - ci - eus a - tour,
vo ma - nie - re cer - tein - ne et vo fres - che cou - lour
qui n'est pa - le ne vein - ne voy tou - dis sans se - jour.

Douce dame jolie

Refrain



Que nulle ait si - gno - ri - e Seur moy fors vous seu - le - ment.

Stanza



Tous les jours de ma vi - e Ser - vi - e Sans vi - llain pen - se - ment.

He - las! et je men - di - e D'es - pe - ran - ce et d'ai - - e;

Dont ma joie est fe - ni - e, Se pi - té ne vous en prent.

Italian Instrumental Dances

Two more of the surviving instrumental pieces, these are from a late 14th century North Italian manuscript containing 17 instrumental pieces among secular and sacred vocal pieces. La Manfredina and Rotta are a dance pair where the first part is slow and the second part is a fast variation. (Lamento di Tristano is another better known example – there is only one other that I know of.) Note that the structure is the same as for the estampie but typically with longer 'open' and 'close' sections.

Saltarello no. 2

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for a single instrument, likely a harpsichord or organ. The music is in common time and uses a treble clef. The score is divided into sections by various markings:

- Open**: Indicated by a bracket above the first two staves. Staff 1 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Staff 2 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.
- Close**: Indicated by a bracket above the next two staves. Staff 3 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Staff 4 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.
- 1st Punctum**: Indicated by a bracket above the next two staves. Staff 5 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Staff 6 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.
- 2nd Punctum**: Indicated by a bracket above the next two staves. Staff 7 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Staff 8 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.
- § 3rd Punctum**: Indicated by a bracket above the next two staves. Staff 9 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. Staff 10 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.
- 4th Punctum**: Indicated by a bracket above the final staff. Staff 11 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.
- D.S. § (3rd Punctum)**: Indicated by a bracket above the final staff. Staff 12 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes.

Each staff concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots, indicating a return to the beginning of the section. The music features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note figures.

La Manfredina and Rotta

1st Punctum

2nd Punctum

3rd Punctum

La Rotta *1st Punctum*

2nd Punctum

3rd Punctum

Llibre Vermell

The Llibre Vermell of Montserrat was compiled in Northern Spain at the end of the 14th Century. The name ('Red Book') derives from a 18th century leather binding. It is a collection of ten pilgrim songs. There is a story that pilgrims in the area were spending too much time singing and dancing popular songs & dances instead of contemplating the meaning of their pilgrimage. So the church gave them some songs that had more suitable lyrics, reusing the popular tunes. They are all in the virelai form discussed in the Cantigas section.

Cuncti simus

Refrain



Stanza



Los sept goyts

Refrain

A - ve Ma - ri - a, gra - ci - a ple - nna Do - mi - nus te - cum, Vir - go se - re - na

Stanza

Ver - ge, fos a - nans del part Pu - ra, e sens fal - li - ment.

En lo part e pres lo part Sens nu - gen cor - rum - pi - ment.

Lo fill de De - us, ver - ge pi - a, de vos nas - que ve - ra - ment.

Lo fill de De - us, ver - ge pi - a, de vos nas - que ve - ra - ment.

Polorum Regina

Refrain

Po - lo - rum Re - gi - na, om - ni - um nos - tra

Stel - la ma - tu - ti - na, de - le sce - le - ra.

Stanza

An - te par - tum vir - go De - o gra - vi - da

Sem - per per - man - sis - ti in - vi - o - la - ta

Stel - la ma - tu - ti - na, de - le sce - le - ra.

Ad mortem festinamus

Refrain

Ad mor - tem fes - ti - na - mus, pec - ca - re de - sis - ta - mus

Stanza

Scri - be - re pro - po - su - i de con - temp - tu mun - da - no

Ut de gen - tes se - cu - li non mul - cen - tur in va - no.

Jam est ho - ra sur - ge - re A somp - no mor - tis pra - vo

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