

# Sumer is icumen in

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Text:

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

9 Grow - eth sed and blow - eth med and springth the wo - de nu.

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

25 af - ter cal - ve cu. Bul - luc ster an, bu cke - teth,

33 mu - rie sing cuc - cu.

41 wel sin - ges - cu, ne swik nu na - ver nu.

Ostinato

Text:

nu, \_\_\_\_\_ sing cuc - cu.

Sing cuc - cu. nu. \_\_\_\_\_

„Sumer is icumen in“ ist ein Kanon von bis zu vier Stimmen, der über dem zweistimmigen Ostinato gesungen wird.  
“*Sumer is icumen in*” is a round for up to four voices which is sung on top of an ostinato for two voices.

## Bedeutung in modernem Englisch / Proposed meaning

Summer has come, loudly sing cuckoo.  
Seeds are growing and meadows are blooming and the wood springs now.  
Sing, cuckoo! The ewe bleats after the lamb, the cow lows after the calf.  
Bullocks leap, goats fart.  
Merrily sing, cuckoo!  
How well you sing, cuckoo,  
don't ever stop!

Ostinato: Sing cuckoo, sing now cuckoo.