

# This Sweet and Merry Month of May

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Musical score for the first system of the piece. It features six vocal parts: Cantus, Quintus, Altus, Sextus, Tenor, and Bassus. The time signature is 2/4. The Cantus part begins with the lyrics "This sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month, and mer-ry mer-ry". The Quintus part begins with "This sweet and mer ry, mer-ry month, and". The other parts (Altus, Sextus, Tenor, Bassus) are currently silent, indicated by a horizontal line on each staff.

Musical score for the second system of the piece, starting with a circled number 4. It continues with the same six vocal parts. The Cantus part continues with "month of May, and mer - rry month of". The Quintus part continues with "mer - ry, mer - ry month of May, and". The Sextus part begins with "This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry". The Tenor part begins with "And mer - ry, mer - ry month, and". The Bassus part is silent. The lyrics are distributed across the vocal lines as follows:  
Cantus: month of May, and mer - rry month of  
Quintus: mer - ry, mer - ry month of May, and  
Sextus: This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry  
Tenor: And mer - ry, mer - ry month, and  
Bassus: (silent)

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May, of May,  
 mer - ry month of May, of May,  
 month, and mer - ry, mer - ry month of May, While Na-  
 mer - ry, mer - ry month of May,  
 While Na - ture wan - tons,  
 While Na - ture

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While Na - ture wan - tons in her prime, wan-  
 While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons  
 - ture wan - tons, wantons in her prime, While Na - ture wan - tons  
 While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her  
 wan - tons in her prime, wan tons in her prime,  
 wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime, while Na - ture wan - tons,

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- tons in her prime, And birds do sing,  
in her prime, in her prime, And  
in her prime, in her prime, And birds do  
prime, in her prime, And birds do sing,  
in her prime, And birds do sing,  
wan - tons in her prime,

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for measures 13 through 16. It features five staves. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "- tons in her prime, And birds do sing,". The second staff continues the vocal line: "in her prime, in her prime, And". The third staff continues: "in her prime, in her prime, And birds do". The fourth staff continues: "prime, in her prime, And birds do sing,". The fifth staff continues: "in her prime, And birds do sing,". Below the fifth staff, the lyrics "wan - tons in her prime," are written, which appear to be a continuation or correction of the text above.

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and birds do sing, and birds do  
birds do sing, and birds do sing, and  
sing, and birds do sing, do sing,  
and birds do sing, and birds do sing,  
and birds do sing, and  
And birds do sing, and birds do sing,

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for measures 17 through 20. It features five staves. The top staff has lyrics: "and birds do sing, and birds do". The second staff continues: "birds do sing, and birds do sing, and". The third staff continues: "sing, and birds do sing, do sing,". The fourth staff continues: "and birds do sing, and birds do sing,". The fifth staff continues: "and birds do sing, and". Below the fifth staff, the lyrics "And birds do sing, and birds do sing," are written.



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play For plea - sure

play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

play For plea - sure, for plea - sure of the joy - ful

play For plea - sure

play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

play For plea - sure of the joy - ful

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of the joy - ful time, of the joy - ful time,

time, of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I

time, the joy - ful time, the joy ful time, I choose the

of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time,

time, the joy - ful time, of the joy - ful time,

time, of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I

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I choose the first for ho - li - day,  
 choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li -  
 first for ho - li - day, for ho - li -  
 I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li -  
 I choose the first for ho - li - day, for ho - li -  
 choose the first for ho - li-day, I choose the first for ho - li-day,

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for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -  
 - day, for ho - li - day,  
 - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And  
 - day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -  
 - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E -  
 for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

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- za with a rhyme, with a rhyme,  
 And greet E - li - za, E-  
 greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme,  
 - za with a rhyme, And greet E - li - za,  
 - li - za with a rhyme, and greet E-  
 - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme,

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and greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a  
 - li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme,  
 with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a  
 E - li - za, and greet E - li - za  
 - li - za with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za  
 And greet E - li - za, E - li-





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- cond Troy,  
O beau - te-ous Queen of se-  
O beau - te - us Queen of se - cond  
Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond  
Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of se-cond of  
se - cond Troy, O beau - te-ous Queen of se - cond

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Take well in worth,  
- cond Troy, Take well in worth a  
Troy, Take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy,  
Troy, of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth, take  
se-cond, of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth a sim-ple toy,  
Troy, Take well in worth, take well in worth a

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take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy,  
 sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a  
 a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy,  
 well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, take  
 take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy,  
 sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a

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take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple y,  
 sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, take well in worth  
 a sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a  
 well in vworth a sim ple toy, take well in worth  
 take well in worth a sim-ple toy, take  
 sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, take

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a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 a sim-ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a sim - ple toy.  
 well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.