

# Song of May



In ver - na - lis tem - po - ris  
Dum re - ces - sum fri - go - ris

or - tu lae - ta - bun - do,  
nun - ti - at hi - run - do,

ter - rae, ma - ris,  
vi - gor re - dit



ne - mo - ris de - cus ad - est de - fo - ris  
cor - po - ris, ce - dit do - lor pec - to - ris

re - no - va - to mun - do,  
tem - po - re iu - cun - do.

In vernalis temporis  
ortu laetabundo,  
dum recessum frigoris  
nuntiat hirundo,  
terrae, maris, nemoris  
decus adest deforis  
renovato mundo,  
vigor redit corporis,  
cedit dolor pectoris  
tempore iucundo.

*In the time when  
spring rises joyfully,  
the end of frost  
is heralded by the swallow,  
earth, sea and grove  
is full of beauty  
like a renewed world,  
the body regains strength,  
the sorrow of the heart ends  
in this playful time*

Lyrics by Morten Børup, 1446-1526, headmaster at the grammar school of Aarhus. The song was published with an anonymous melody in *Piae Cantiones* by Theodoricus Petri, Greifswald 1582.