Song of May

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 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.