

Morten Boerup: Frydeligt med jubelkor

"In vernalis temporis" is a Latin ode, written by Morten Boerup in 1491, as an interpretation of an older text. In 1895 it was translated into Danish by Fr. Moth as "Frydeligt med jubelkor". The melody is printed for the first time in the Finnish "Piae Cantiones" in 1582.

- Rasmus Glad (Erasmus Laetus, 1526-1582) tells that Morten Boerup wrote a lovely ode to the coming of the beautiful springtime, and that the disciples of Aarhus Cathedral School, of which he was the headmaster, would sing it every year on the first day of May, bringing the first flowers and leaves of the spring into the city.

The song is still school song of Aarhus Cathedral School, and since 1948 the melody is played by the carillon in the tower of Aarhus City Hall every day at noon.

1 Frydeligt med jubelkor
hilses vårens komme,
svalen melder trindt på jord:
'Frostens tid er omme!'
Land og hav og lundens træ'r
herligt prydtes fjernt og nær,
nye skabningsunder!
Kraft påny vort legem får,
lægt er nu vort hjertesår
i de glade stunder.

2 Jordens rige blomsterpragt,
skovens grønne smykke,
fuglesangens tryllemagt
fylder os med lykke;
havets storme raser ud,
luften hærges ej af slud,
duggens perler rene
samler solens stråleglans
i en dejlig perlekrans
rundt på græs og grene.

3 Hvor dog Gud er god og viis!
hvor er verden fager!
Hvor dog alt til Herrens pris
ånd og tanke drager!
Han har stort og småt på jord
urten, som på marken gror,
form og farve givet
Efter nat vi dagen nu
hilsel vil med frejdig hu,
takke Gud for livet!

*Morten Børup 1491
Translated Fr. Moth 1895*

1
*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.*

2
*Terra vernat floribus
Et nemus viore,
Aves mulcent cantibus
Et vocis dulcore,
Aqua tempestatibus
Caret, aer imbris
Dulci plenus rore,
Sol, consumptis nubibus,
Radiis potentibus
Lucet cum calore.*

3
*O quam mira gloria,
Quantum decus dei!
Quanta resplendentia
Eius facie!
A quo ducunt omnia,
Summa ima media,
Formam speciei:
Maior haec distantia,
Quam sit differentia
Noctis et diei.*

Morten Børup 1491

Hugo Distler: O store Gud

Music: From "der Jahreskreis" nr. 1: "O Heiland, reiss die Himmel auf"

Text: From N. F. S. Grundtvig: O store Gud (Te Deum hymn) st. 1 and 3.

1. O store Gud! vi love dig
af hjertens grund evindelig.
I nåde ser du til os ned,
og evig er din miskundhed.

1. O great God! we praise you
from our hearts eternally.
Graceful you look down upon us,
Eternal is your mercy.

3. Du hellig, hellig, hellig er,
du, hersker over Himmelens hær,
og hele jorden, vid og bred,
er opfyldt af din herlighed.

3. You holy, holy, holy are,
You, lord of the hosts of Heaven,
and all the Earth, large and wide,
is filled by your magnificence.

(Trans. ad hoc H. Colding-Jorgensen 2018)

Henrik Colding-Jorgensen: Ave Maria - Hil dig Maria

Composed for a regional choral festival in Hundige Church, first performance 22 July 1977

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominum tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominum tecum.
Amen.

Hil dig Maria, opfyldt af nåde, Herren er med dig.
Vær velsignet du blandt alle kvinder,
vær velsignet frugten i dit liv, Jesus.
Hil dig Maria, opfyldt af nåde, Herren er med dig.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord be with you.
Blessed be you among women,
and blessed be the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord be with you. Amen.*

Danish folksong (16.th century): Den lyse dag forgangen er

Arranged by Axel Madsen, Denmark (1915-2001)

Den lyse dag forgangen er

Tekst: H. C. Sthen, 1589, C.J. Brandt 1885
Melodi: Dansk folkesang fra 1500-tallet

1. Den lyse dag forgangen er,
og natten os på mon drive,
o, Jesus Krist, vor herre kær,
du altid hos os må blive!
Glæde os Gud i himmerig!

2. Du est det evige guddomslys,
det tro vi og bekende,
kom til os i vort hjertes hus,
med din nåde os optænde!
Glæde os Gud i himmerig!

7. Giv os en rolig nat og god,
lad os i synden ej sovne,
lad os ej gøre det, dig er imod,
ej heller i sorgen opvågne!
Glæde os Gud i himmerig!

The bright day has come to an end

(Translated ad hoc 2018 H. Colding-Jorgensen)
Danish folk song from 16. century

1. The bright day has come to an end,
and night is drifting upon us,
oh, Jesus Christ, our Lord so dear,
at all times remain with us!
God make us happy in Heaven!

2. You are the eternal light divine,
that we believe and confess,
come into the house of our heart,
set us alight with your grace!
God make us happy in Heaven!

7. Give us a night calm and good,
in sin let us not fall asleep,
let us not do, what is against you,
nor in sorrow wake up!
God make us happy in Heaven!

Th. Laub: "Aften"

The title "AFTEN" may mean "Evening" or "Night". However, the words of the poem vividly depict the extremely slow, lingering sunset of the Danish summer nightfall.

"Stille, hjerte, sol går ned" (1912)

Tekst: Jeppe Aakjær (1866-1930)

1. Stille, hjerte, sol går ned,
sol går ned på heden,
dyr går hjem fra dagens béd,
storken står i reden.
Stille, stille, hjerte, sol går ned.

2. Tavshed over hedesti
og langs veje krumme.
En forsinket humlebi
ene høres brumme.
Stille, stille, hjerte, sol går ned.

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4. Fjerne ruder østerpå
blusser op i gløden,
hededadme bittesmå
spejler aftenrøden.
Stille, stille, hjerte, sol går ned!

"Heart, be still, the sun goes down"

Translation: S.D.Rodholm (1877-1951)

1. Heart; be still, the sun goes down,
Smiling over the meadows,
Sheep and cows are homeward bound
Through the deepening shadows,
Heart, be still, be still, the sun goes down.

2. Silence falls on lanes and lea,
Restless day is over;
One belated bumblebee
Drones among the clover,
Heart, be still, be still, the sun goes down.

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4. Far to east the windows gleam
Red with flashes blinding;
Sunset coloured flows a stream
Through green pastures winding
Heart, be still, be still, sun goes down.

Unfortunately there is no notes to Knut Nystedt's songs.

Henrik Colding-Jorgensen: Requiem Aeternam

Introitus text of the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus, in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam; ad te omnis caro veniet.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis. Amen

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
A hymn becomes you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall a vow be repaid in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer; to you shall all flesh come.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Niels Jespersson: Kyrie - Kriste - Kyrie

From: Graduale (1573)

Kyrie for second and third day of Pentecost

Kyrie Gud Fader alsomhoejeste troest. Du est vor glaede og lyst. Spar os elende, bevar os fra synd. Forbarne dig over os.

Kriste du est vor vej og det sande lys, sandhedens port, kaerlighedens spejl, alle kristnes liv og raad, du os til vor salighed given varst. Forbarne dig over os.

Kyrie Helligaand i evighed, vaer hos os med din miskundelighed, vor synd ville vi begraede, lad os ej fortabels, vi paa Dig nu haabe. Forbarne dig over os.

Kyrie God Father, most high consolation. You are our joy and delight. Save us from misery, keep us from sin. Have pity on us.

Christ you are our way and the true light, gate of Truth, mirror of Love, all Christians' life and councel, to our salvation you were given us. Have pity on us.

Kyrie Holy Spirit in eternity, stay with us with your loving-kindness, we will lament our sin, let us not be lost, we now have trust in You. Have pity on us.

Transl. ad hoc

Leif Kayser: Regina caeli, laetare

The text is a Marian Easter antiphon from the 12. century

Regina caeli, laetare, halleluja,
Quia quem meruisti portare, halleluja.
Resurrexit sicut dixit, halleluja.
Ora pro nobis Deum, halleluja.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia,
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

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Niels la Cour: Fred hviler over land og by

Fred hviler over land og by (1823)

Tekst: Bernhard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862)

1. Fred hviler over land og by,
ej verden larmer mer;
fro smiler månen til sin sky,
til stjerne stjerne ser.

2. Og søen blank og rolig står
med himlen i sin favn;
på dammen fjerne vogter går
og lover Herrens navn.

7. Fred med hvert hjerte, fjern og nær,
som uden ro mon slå!
Fred med de få, som mig har kær,
og dem, jeg aldrig så.

The country lies in deep repose

Translation: P.C.Paulsen (1881-1948)

1. *The country lies in deep repose,
And peace rules hearth and home,
While silver clouds the moon inclose
And through the heavens roam.*

2. *The lake without a ripple lies
In heaven's soft embrace;
From yonder hills sweet voices rise
And thank the Lord of grace.*

7. *In restless hearts, both far and near,
Your faith and peace restore!
Peace with the few, who hold me dear,
And those, I never saw.*

Stanza 7 transl. ad hoc H.Colding-Jorgensen

Little innocent lamb

Little lamb, little innocent lamb,
I'm gonna serve God till I die.
Hypocrite, Tell you what to do,
I'm gonna serve God til I die.
He'll talk about me,
An' He'll talk about you,
I'm gonna serve God til I die.

'Cause there ain't no dying over there,
In that heavenly land,
There'll be joy in that heavenly land.
Little lamb, little innocent lamb,
I'm gonna serve God till I die.

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