

AN EARLY ENGLISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

[1] plainchant Verbum caro	4.00	[9] Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1590–c.1633) Remember O thou man	3.27	[16] c.1600 Playford MS 'Greensleeves' The old year now has passed away	1.45
[2] 15th century MS Salutation Carol	2.12	[10] Richard Pygott (fl.1530) Quid petis, O fili?	8.28	[17] 14th century Dublin Troper MS Angelus ad virginem	2.40
[3] c.1450 Seldon MS Nowell sing we, both all and some	2.34	[11] c.1600 Ballet MS Sweet was the song the virgin sang	2.09	[18] c.1500 Ritson MS Nowell, nowell: Dieu vous garde	3.52
[4] Piae Cantiones (1582) Gaudete	1.26	[12] William Byrd (1543–1623) Lullaby my sweet little babe	6.30	[19] c.1450 Seldon MS Make we joy	2.37
[5] c.1420 MS Hail Mary full of grace	5.22	[13] c.1450 Egerton MS Ave rex angelorum	2.09	[20] John Sheppard Verbum caro	6.57
[6] John Sheppard (c.1515–1560) Gloria in excelsis	3.55	[14] c.1600 Playford MS Drive the cold winter away	2.05		
[7] c.1420 MS There is no rose	4.04	[15] c.1500 Ritson MS Nowell, nowell: The boares head	3.34		
[8] c.1450 Seldon MS Nowell, nowell: Out of your sleep	2.06				

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