

El Grillo

The Cricket

a Madrigal

Josquin de Pres (c1440–1521)

$\text{♩} = 240$

El gril - lo. El gril-lo e buon can - tor - e che - tie-ne long-o ver -

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This system contains the first two staves of the madrigal. It features a vocal line and a lute line. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 240. The lyrics are: 'El gril - lo. El gril-lo e buon can - tor - e che - tie-ne long-o ver -'. The lute line provides a rhythmic accompaniment with various note values and rests.

- - - - so. Dal - le Be - ve Gril - lo

- - - - so. Dal - le Be - ve Gril - lo

This system contains the third and fourth staves. The lyrics continue: '- - - - so. Dal - le Be - ve Gril - lo'. The lute line continues with a similar rhythmic pattern, featuring many rests and some moving lines.

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can-ta dal-le dal-le be-ve be-ve gril-lo gril-lo can-ta, El gril - lo, el

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This system contains the fifth and sixth staves. The lyrics are: 'can-ta dal-le dal-le be-ve be-ve gril-lo gril-lo can-ta, El gril - lo, el'. The lute line continues with a similar rhythmic pattern, featuring many rests and some moving lines.

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gril-lo e buon can - tor - e. Ma - non fa - co - me gl'alt-ri u-cel - li com-e -
 Van' de fat - to - in alt - ro lo - co sem-pre

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Fine

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li - tor can-ta - tum po - co Quan - do la mag - gior el cal-do Al
 el gril-lo sta-pur sal - do

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hor can - ta sol per a - mor - e per a - mor - e

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Translation

The cricket is a good singer
 Who sings for a long time
 The cricket sings just for fun
 The cricket is a good singer
 But unlike the birds
 who fly off when they've sung a bit,
 The cricket just stays where he is
 When the weather is really hot,
 he sings solely for love.