

Kuckuck, Kuckuck ruft aus dem Wald

Cuckoo, cuckoo, calling from the woods

Hoffmann von Fallersleben

Lower Austrian folk melody

The musical score is written on two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, F, C7, F, C7, F, C, C7 on the first staff, and F, F, F, F, C7, F, C7, F on the second staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. Ku - ckuck, Ku-ckuck ruft aus dem Wald. Las-set uns sin - gen,
tan-zen und sprin - gen! Früh - ling, Früh - ling, wird es nun bald.

2. Kuckuck, Kuckuck lässt nicht sein Schrein:
„Komm in die Felder,
Wiesen und Wälder!
Frühling, Frühling, stelle dich ein!"

3. Kuckuck, Kuckuck, trefflicher Held!
Was du gesungen,
Ist dir gelungen:
Winter, Winter, räume das Feld.

English translation:

*Cuckoo, cuckoo, calling from the woods:
'Let's sing and dance and jump
Springtime, springtime will be here soon'*

*Cuckoo, cuckoo doesn't stop calling,
Come into the fields, meadows and woods
Springtime, springtime, appear!*

*Cuckoo, cuckoo, splendid hero
You succeeded with what you sang,
Winter, winter, clear out of the field.*