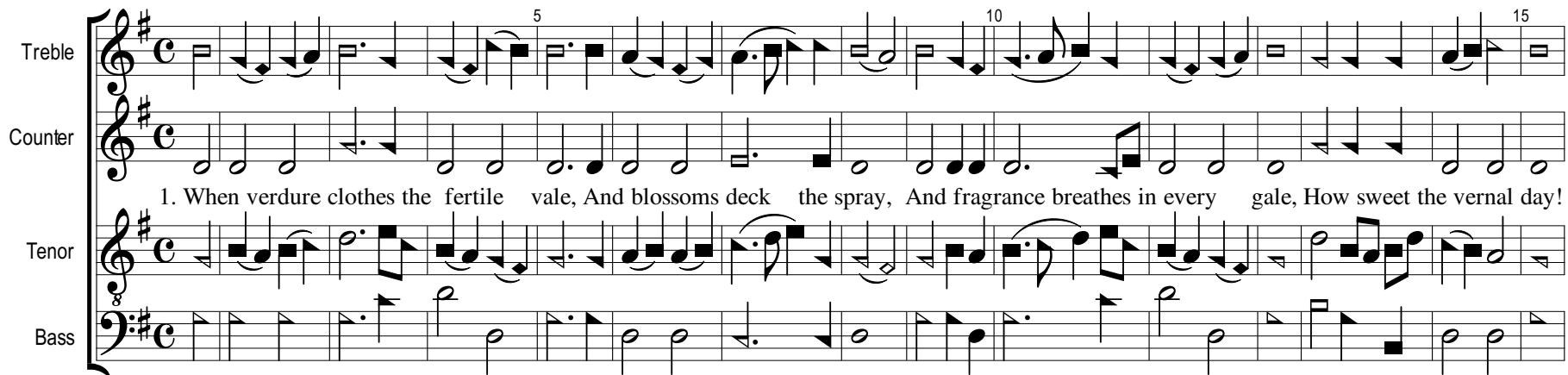


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## Vernal Day

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Treble

Counter

Tenor

Bass

1. When verdure clothes the fertile vale, And blossoms deck the spray, And fragrance breathes in every gale, How sweet the vernal day!



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1. Hark, how the feathered warblers sing! 'Tis nature's cheerful voice; And woods and fields rejoice, And woods and fields rejoice. Soft music hails the lovely spring,

2. O let my wondering heart confess,  
With gratitude and love,  
The bounteous hand that deigns to bless  
The garden, field, and grove.

That bounteous hand my thoughts adore,  
Beyond expression kind,  
Hath sweeter, nobler gifts in store,  
To bless the craving mind.

3. That hand, in this hard heart of mine  
Can make each virtue live,  
And kindly showers of grace divine  
Life, beauty, fragrance give.

O God of nature, God of grace,  
Thy heavenly gifts impart!  
And bid sweet meditation trace  
Spring blooming in my heart!