

THE ELVES' DANCE

John Bennet (c. 1575 - after 1614)

Round - a - bout, round - a - bout in a fair ring - a,
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The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The second staff is a vocal line in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature. The third staff is a lute or guitar accompaniment line in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The fourth staff is a bass line in bass clef with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Round - a - bout, round - a - bout in a fair ring - a," repeated on each staff.

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thus we dance, thus we dance, and thus we sing - a:
thus we dance, thus we dance, and thus we sing - a:
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thus we dance, thus we dance, and thus we sing - a:

The second system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The second staff is a vocal line in treble clef with the same key signature and time signature. The third staff is a lute or guitar accompaniment line in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The fourth staff is a bass line in bass clef with a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "thus we dance, thus we dance, and thus we sing - a:" repeated on each staff.

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Trip and trip and go, to and to and fro, to and fro, to and fro,
 Trip and trip and go, to and to and fro, to and to and fro,
 Trip and trip and go, to and to and fro and fro,
 Trip and trip and go, to and to and fro, to and to and fro and fro,

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o - ver this green - a. All a-bout, in and out, all a-bout, in and out
 o - ver this green - a. All a-bout, in and out, all a-bout, in and out
 o - ver this green - a. All a-bout, in and out, all a-bout, in and out
 o - ver this green - a. All a-bout, in and out, all a-bout, in and out

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all a - bout, in and out, o - ver this green - a!
 all a - bout, in and out, o - ver this green - a!
 all a - bout, in and out, o - ver this green - a!
 all a - bout, in and out, o - ver this green - a!