

# Canons & Rounds

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## Doxology

Thomas Tallis, c.1505-1585  
English

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise  
Him all creat - ures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye  
heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Christmas Is Coming

Traditional English

Christ - mas is com - ing. The goose is get - ting fat. Please, to put a pen - ny in the  
old man's hat. If you have - n't got a pen - ny a half - pen - ny will do. If you  
have - n't got a half - pen - ny then God bless you.

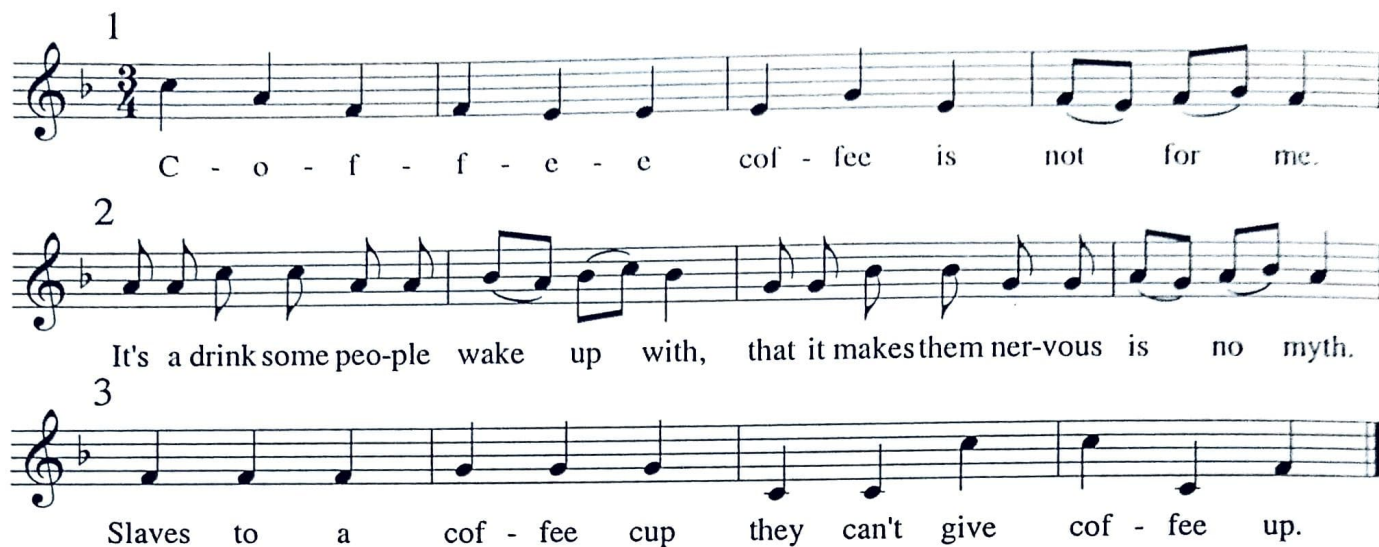
# Coffee Canon

Anonymous

1  
C - o - f - f - e - e    cof - fee    is    not    for    me.

2  
It's a drink some peo-ple wake up with,    that it makes them ner-vous is    no myth.

3  
Slaves to a    cof - fee cup    they can't give    cof - fee up.



# Dona Nobis Pacem

Grant Us Peace

Traditional

1  
Do - na    no - bis    pa - cem    pa - cem.

2  
Do - - - na    no - - bis    pa - cem.

3  
Do - - - na    no - - bis    pa - cem.

Do - - - na    no - bis    pa - - - - cem.

Do - na    no - bis    pa - - - - cem.

Do - na    no - bis    pa - - - - cem.



The piece may be sung as a round by having each voice move to the next staff on each repeat.

Latin Pronunciation: Doh-nah Noh-bees Pah-chem

# When Jesus Wept

William Billings, 1746-1800  
American

When Jes - sus wept a fall - ing tear in  
mer - cy flowed be - yond all bound. When  
Je - sus groaned a trem - bling fear seized  
all the guilt - y world a round.

The canon may be performed at either two measure intervals (') or four measure intervals(' ').

# Musica Est Dei Donum Optimi

Music is God's Highest Gift

Orlando di Lasso, 1532-1594  
Netherlands

Mu - si - ca est De - i do - num op - ti - mi. Mu - si -  
ca De - i do - num De - i do - num.

Latin Pronunciation: Moo-sih-cah ehst deh-ee doh-noom ohp-tee-mee

# So I Will Bless The Lord

Adapted from Ps. 34

Georg Telemann, 1681-1767  
German

So I will bless the Lord at all times.

May His praise be ev-er in my mouth ev-er in my mouth. For ev - er

praise Him. So I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise will

be in my mouth. So I will bless the Lord. I'll bless His Name On high.

## How to sing Canons and Rounds

Learn the melody together until everyone is secure.

Divide your group into two groups initially to attempt the canon or round.

Continue to divide the group into as many parts as the music allows.

## Canons may be performed a variety of ways

1. Allow each part to finish in succession. "Doxology" and "When Jesus Wept" work well using this method.
2. Conclude at the end of a phrase, each voice in a different part of the music. Usually this will form a concluding chord, which may be held out for a more satisfactory finish. "Musica Est Dei" is nice when performed this way.
3. You may take each phrase alone and assign it to a singer. For this method, each singer needs only to sing their portion of the round over and over. The music for "Dona Nobis Pacem" is laid out in this way.