

# Blow thi horne, hunter

from Henry VIII's book

William Cornysh (d.1523)

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a lute accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). Chord markings are placed above the staves.

**System 1:** Chords: C, C, C, F, G, C. Lyrics: Blow thi horne, hun - ter, and blow thi horne on hye! Ther

**System 2:** Chords: Am, G, Am, G, Am, G, Am, D, G. Lyrics: ys a do in youn - der wode; in faith, she woll not dy; Now

**System 3:** Chords: F, C, G, C, F, C, G, C. Lyrics: blow thi horne, hun - ter, now blow thi horne, jo - ly hun - ter!

2. Sore this dere stryken ys,  
and yet she bledes no whytt;  
She lay so fayre, I cowde nott mys;  
Lord, I was glad of it!

4. There she gothe! Se ye nott,  
how she gothe over the playne?  
And yf ye lust to have a shott,  
I warrant her barrayne.

6. To the covert bothe thay went,  
for I fownd wher she lay;  
And arrow in her hanch she hent;  
for faynte she myght nott bray.

8. Here I leve and mak an end,  
now of this hunter's lore;  
I thynk his bow ys well unbent,  
hys bolt may flye no more.

3. As I stod under a bank  
the dere shoffe on the mede;  
I stroke her so that downe she sanke,  
but yet she was not dede.

5. He to go and I to go,  
but he ran fast afore;  
I bad hym shott and strik the do,  
for I myght shott no mere.

7. I was wery of the game,  
I went to tavern to drynk;  
Now the construccyon of the same -  
what do yow meane or thynk?