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THE EXUBERANT TRUST
PRESENTS

AT A SPRING WELL

Middle English poems in music, song and spoken word

The Exuberant Trust (registered charity no.1095911) supports creative young people in Oxfordshire. Our small grants are awarded for individual projects in any of the arts. Applications from people under 30 years of age are always welcome.

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At a Springe Well. C15

A maid stands by a clear spring. All who search for true love shall find it here

Esta e Como Santa Maria. C13

from the Cantigas de Santa Maria, a collection of songs telling the miracles of the Virgin Mary, compiled in Galicia during the reign of Alfonso X.

Lenten ys Come with Love to Toune. C13

Spring has come! The moon and sun glow. Birds sing as the wood resounds with life and creatures find their mates. I am moody for loss of love and if I must go without what I want I will be outcast from the forest.

Mayden in the Mor. C14

Maiden in the moor lies for seven nights and a day. What does she eat? What does she drink? Where does she sleep?



Tre Fontane. C14

an Italian istampitta

Mon in the Mone. C14

The man in the moon bears his bundle of thorn twigs on his forked stick. Somewhere he has taken them without payment to stop up his door and the hayward has taken his bond. Stupid Hubert! Doesn't he hear me when I'm trying to help him? The lazy scallywag won't come down until the day dawns!

Mirie it is/Foweles in the Frith. C13

It is merry while summer lasts. Now the wind blows and I face the sorrows of the coming winter.
Birds in the wood, fish in the water. I journey through life in sorrow.

Impeyraritz. C14

a song Llibre Vermell de Montserrat. From the monastery of Montserrat in Catalunya

Now Springes the Spray. C13

'Now the spring has come and I am so lovesick I cannot sleep!' So I heard a maid sing as I was riding at the day's end. I asked her why does she sing so? She tells me her lover has betrayed her. If she can she will make him will rue this day!

Mui Gran. C13

from the Cantigas de Santa Maria

Jolly Jankin. C15

Alison succumbs to the charms and merry notes of Jolly Jankin as he sings the church office. She thought it would do her good - but no!

Julian Masters: composer & guitar

Giles Lewin: medieval violin & voice

Joanna de Waal: singer

Helen Spencer: spoken word