

Written in celebration of Choristers Guild's 50th Anniversary

Now the Green Blade Rises

A Spring Carol

Handbells used (2 octaves, 9 bells)



John M. C. Crum, 1872-1958

NOEL NOUVELET
Traditional French
arr. Shirley W. McRae

In a spritely manner (♩ = c. 108)

Fl

mp

mp

5

Fl

HB

I and II in unison *mp*

Now the green blade ris - es

p

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9

HB

I
II

from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in the dark earth

13

HB

I
II

man - y days has lain. Love lives a - gain, that

p

17

HB

I
II

with the dead has been, Love is come a - gain like

mp

21

Fl *light, slightly detached*

HB

Tambourine

I
wheat that_ spring-eth green. In the grave they laid him,

II
wheat that_ spring-eth green. In the grave they

25

Fl

T

I
Love who_ had been slain, think-ing that he nev - er

II
laid him, Love who_ had been slain, think-ing that he

29

Fl

I

II

would a - wake a - gain. Laid in the earth like

nev - er would a - wake a - gain. like

33

Fl

I

II

grain that sleeps un - seen: Love is come a - gain like

grain that sleeps un - seen: Love is come a -

mf

mf

mf