Now the Green Blade Rises
A Spring Carol

Handbells used (2 octaves, 9 bells)

NOEL NOUVELET
Traditional French
arr. Shirley W. McRae

In a spritely manner ($\frac{1}{4} = c. 108$)

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I and II in unison

Now the green blade rises

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CGA795
from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth

man-y days has lain. Love lives again, that

with the dead has been, Love is come again like

CGA795
wheat that spring-eth green. In the grave they laid him,

Love who had been slain, thinking that he never

laid him, Love who had been slain, thinking that he
would awake again. Laid in the earth like

never would awake again. like

grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like

grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come a-

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