



28 O God that guides the cheerful sun

(‘A Carrol for New-year’s day’)

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The musical score is arranged in two systems. The first system includes staves for CANTUS PRIMUS (treble clef), CANTUS SECUNDUS (bass clef), CONTRATENOR (bass clef), SEXTUS (bass clef), TENOR (bass clef), and BASSUS (bass clef). The second system continues the vocal parts with lyrics: "O God, O God". The score includes various musical notations such as clefs, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

The form is Verse 1 (+ repeat)/Chorus/Verse 2 (+ repeat)/Chorus/Amen. Suggested scoring: S, Ssolo, A T(or)A B(or)T) B, with 3 Treble viols, 2 Tenor viols, and Bass viol, at pitch. The viols should play throughout. The doubling of the Cantus Secundus solo part by a viol may be regarded as optional.