Listening Guide 4

CD: Chr/Std 1/15–19 Cassette: Chr/Std 1A/6

MONIOT D'ARRAS: Ce fut en mai (Trouvère Song)

(2:36)

Date of work: Mid-13th century

Genre: Chanson, strophic setting of 5 stanzas, each containing 12 lines

Musical form: A-A-B-B (2 short sections, each repeated, for every stanza)

Rhyme scheme: a-a-b-a-a-b-c-c-b-c-c-b (for each stanza)

Melody of song, with 2 sections shown:



		Text	Rhyme scheme	Musical form	Translation
		I			
	0:00	Ce fut en mai	а	A	In early May
		Au douz tens gai	а		When skies are gay
		Que la saisons est bele;	Ъ		And green the plains and mountains,
		Main me levai	а	A	At break of day
		Joer m'alai	а		I rose to play
		Lez une fontenele.	Ъ	T. British and Artists	Beside a little fountain.
		En un vergier	c	В	In garden close
		Clos d'aiglentier	- c		Where shone the rose
		Oi une viele;	ь	e de la companya de	I heard a fiddle played, then
		La vi dancier	C	В	A handsome knight
		Un chevalier	с		That charmed my sight
		Et une damoisele.	Ъ		Was dancing with a maiden.
		II			
16	0:35	Cors orent gent	а	A	Both fair of face,
		Et avenant,	а		They turned with grace
		Et molt très bien dançoient	; b		To tread their Maytime measure;