

84. There is no rose

Anon., c. 1420
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REFRAIN

♩ = c. 50-60

SOPRANO *Fine*
There is no rose of such vir-tue As is the rose that bare Je-su.

ALTO
There is no rose of such vir-tue As is the rose that bare Je-su.

TENOR
There is no rose of such vir-tue As is the rose that bare Je-su.

VERSE

S.
1. There is no rose of such vir-tue As is the
2. For in this rose con-tain-ed was Hea-ven and
3. By that rose we may well see That he is
4. The an-gels sung-en the shep-herds to: Glo-ri-a in
5. Leave we all this world-ly mirth, And fol-low.

T.

rose that bare Je-su; Al-le-lu-ia.
earth in lit-tle space; Res-mi-ran-da.
God in per-sons three; Pa-ri-for-ma.
ex-cel-sis De-o; Gau-de-a-mus.
we this joy-ful birth; Trans-e-a-mus.

Note by John Stevens:

From a MS. roll of carols, copied out in the early 15th century and now in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge; printed by kind permission. The carol begins and ends with the refrain (the alto part is editorial and may be omitted at will); the verses are for soloists. Small accidentals in the refrain are absent from the MS. and may be ignored if desired. The tenor has the tune throughout, and the other voices should be subordinate. The music was intended to be sung unaccompanied.