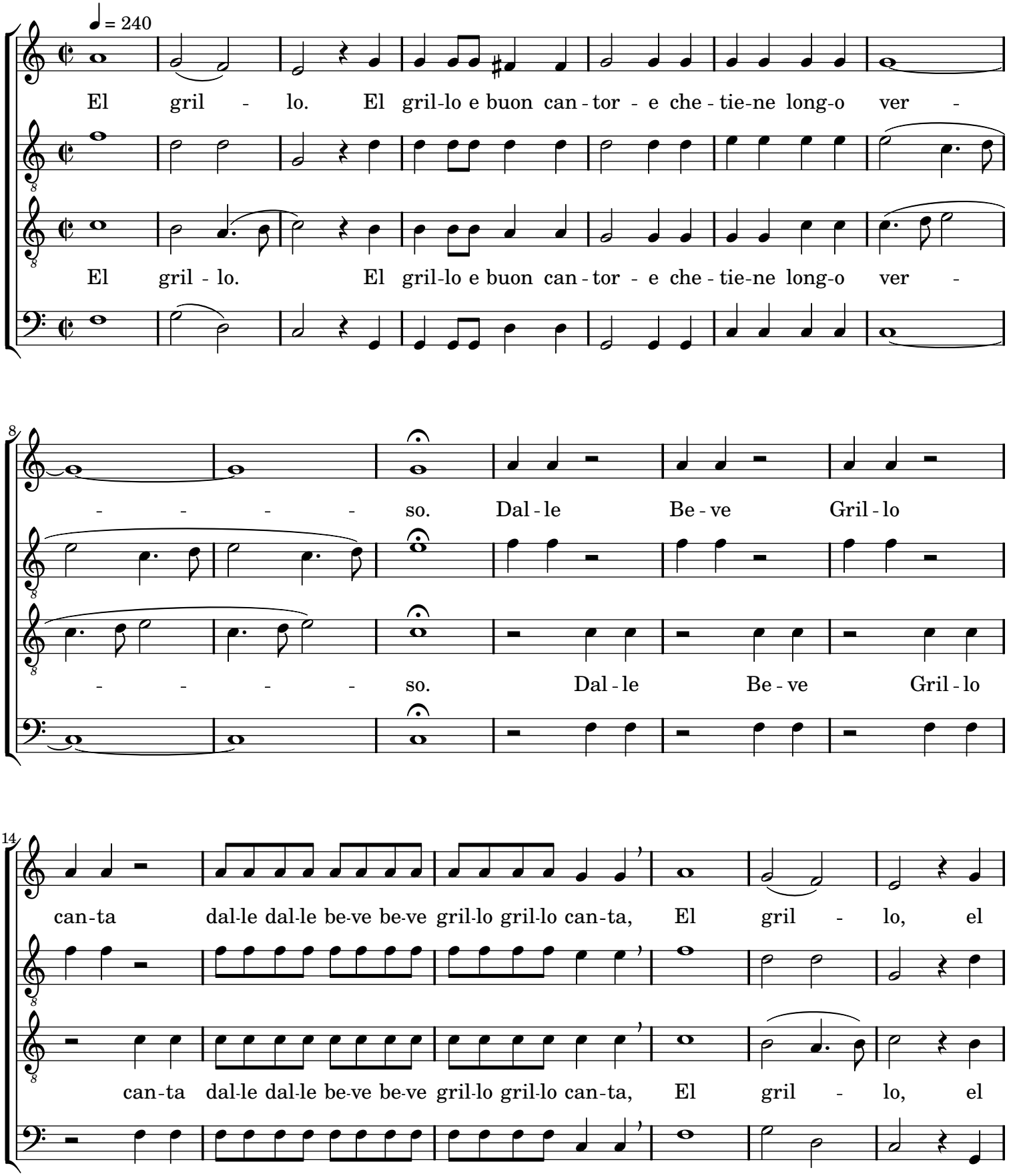
El Grillo

The Cricket

a Madrigal

Josquin de Pres (c1440–1521)



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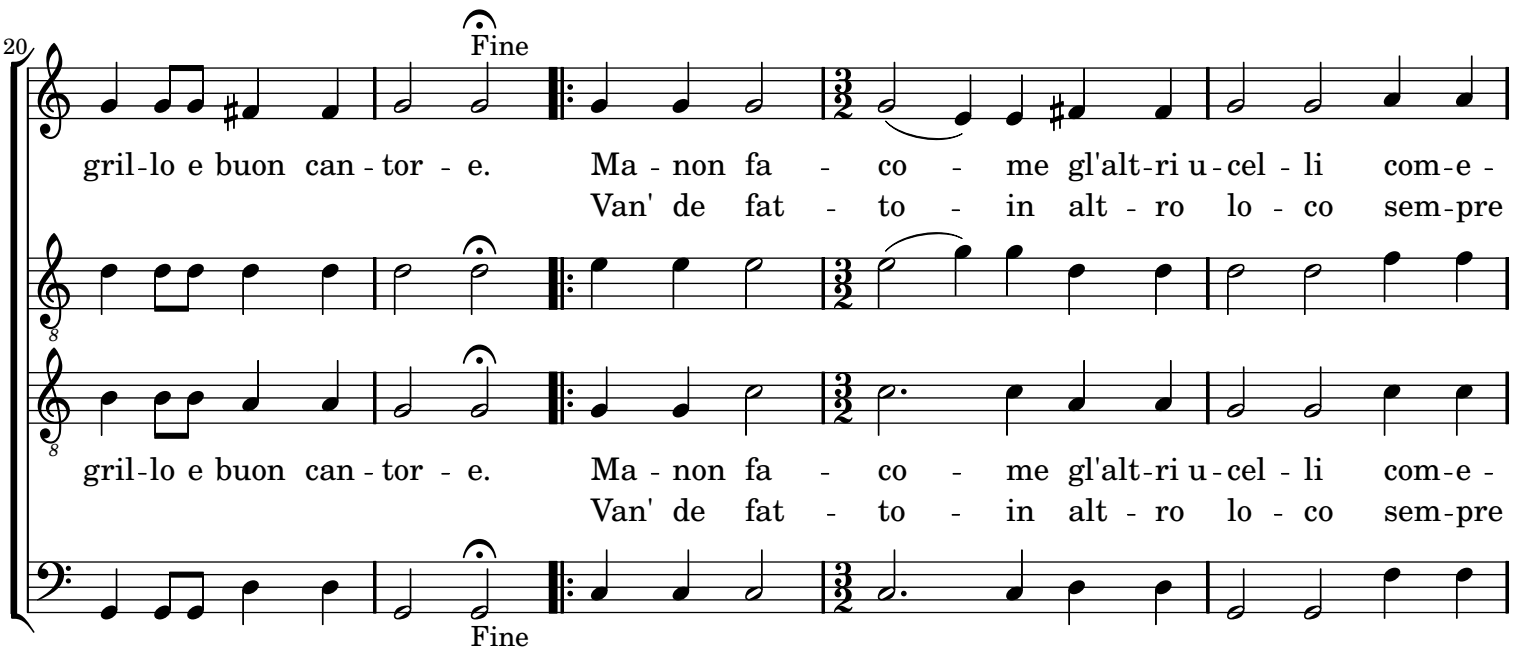
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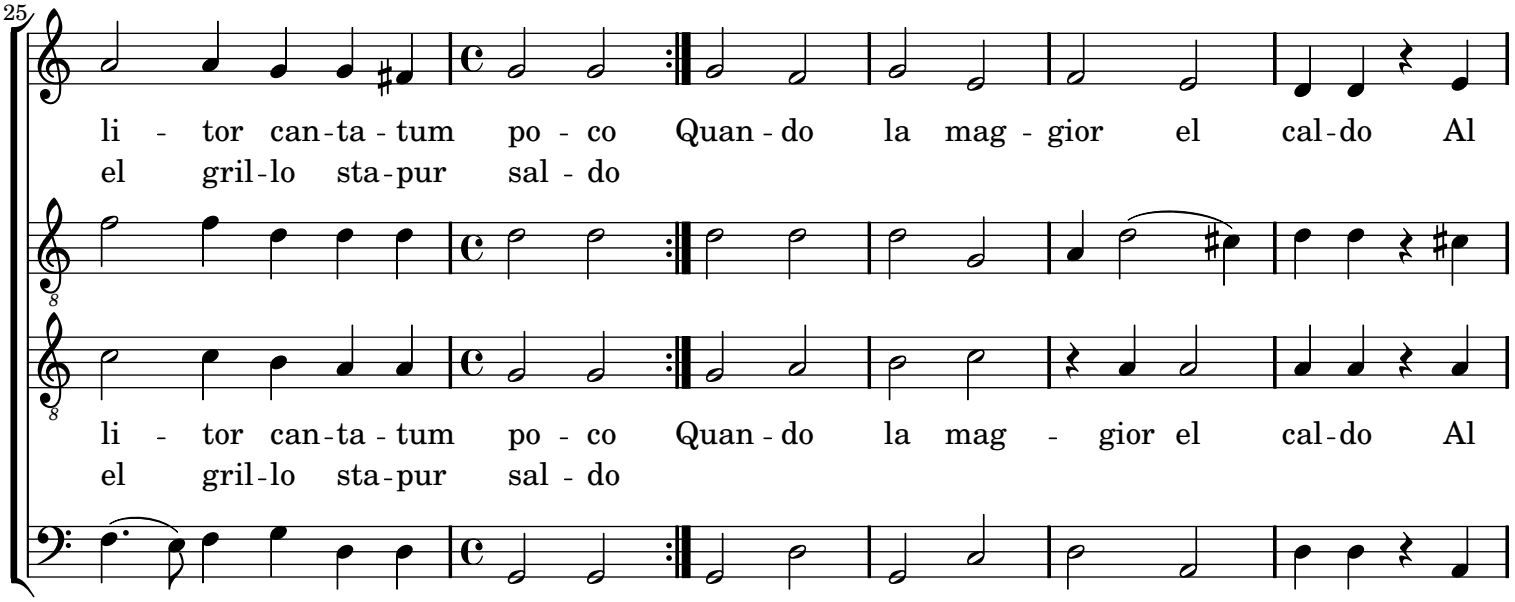
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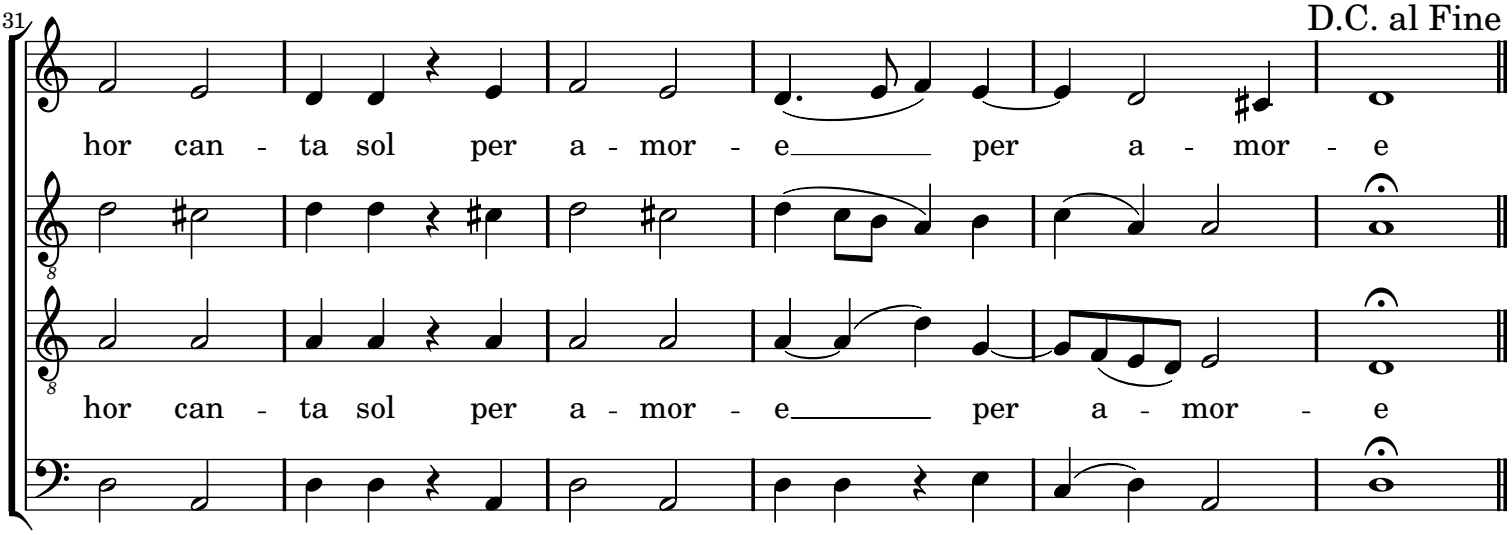

Translation
The cricket is a good singer
Who sings for a long time
The cricket sings just for fun
The cricket is a good singer
But unlike the birds
who fly off when they've sung a bit,
The cricket just stays where he is
When the weather is really hot,
he sings solely for love.

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