L'homme armé

Josquin Desprez (ca 1450 - 1521 Condé sur Escaut)







"Canon: Et sic de singulis", "and so beginning from one to each", or: "from one each time", possibly meaning that the parts begin one bar after each other, or the contrapunt of the piece is note against note. Though my knowledge of Latin is more than average, I cannot explain this. Please let me know if you know the solution.

The authenticity of this piece is generally doubted. Its structure seems to be too simple for Josquin. Petrucci published in in Canti B, 1502 and 1503. It is an instrumental arrangement of the first part of the well known song.

I transcribed it from the ed. Smijers, WW II nr. 55, changing the note values to the original ones. The original clefs are C1, C3, C3 and F3.

With NJE *28.23 I left out the accidental on the e in tenor bar 12 2nd beat, which is played by the treble or a second tenor recorder.

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