

Four Rounds from 'The Green Children'  
*for unison children's voices*

'The Green Children' is a children's opera in two acts, to a libretto by Kevin Crossley-Holland.

This classroom pack of rounds contains four songs from the opera:

Strawberries red! in Strawberry wood  
Look, look, all over the ground.  
Blackberries black! A bushel! Four pecks!  
Look, look, all over the ground.  
Raspberries mauve  
The colour of love.

Here in this glade  
Look what we've found!  
As green as grass  
That springs from the ground:  
Two green children.

Here and below, most and least  
North and south and west and east  
Bless us, Lord, bless us all  
And bless this feast. *(A Shrove Tuesday grace)*

May Day and morning,  
This their beginning,  
Flower faces shining,  
Green blades now rising.  
This world is greening,  
Greening is growing,  
Growing is living,  
Living is blessing.  
Sowing and reaping  
Through the year's turning,  
Dying to living,  
Song without ending.