

Den danske sang

The Danish song

Historic overview

In the early 19th century movement to educating the rural population.

First Folk High school in 1844

Singing together became an important part of being together in the schools

A collection of songs were put together in the “Folkehøjskole sangbog”

Folkehøjskole sangbogen

(The songbook of the peoples school)

- Songs collected from year 1894 – latest 18th edition 2006. The most sold book in Denmark
- Has ca. 500 of songs mainly in Danish but also in German, French and English

Carl Nielsen

1865 – 1931. 150 years old in 2015



Wrote 6 symphonies, 3 concertos, 2 operas, 6 string quartets etc etc.

AND

Ca. 350 popular songs – 36 of which are in the Højskolesangbog.

Tit er jeg glad, men vil dog gerne
græde

Lyrics 1812 by B.S. Ingemann

Music 1917 by Carl Nielsen

Often I am joyful, but even so want to cry
'cause no heart fully shares my joy
Often I am sad but even so must smile
So no one can see my frightful tears

Often I love, but even so must sigh
Often my heart silently must
Often I am angry but even so must smile
'cause it is fools I am angry at

Often I am warm but shiver in my heat
'cause the world embrace me with its frozen arms
Often I am cold – but anyway I blush
'cause the world does not quench my thirst for love