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Several centuries before Miles Davis and Louis Armstrong, people wanted to embellish the popular tunes of the day on their favorite instrument. Diego Ortiz (c.1510 - c.1570) was a composer, viola da gamba player and Spanish music theorist of the Renaissance. He was surprised that there wasn't a book to explain how to do this, so he wrote one. This edition mixes pages from the facsimile with transcriptions of the music which is in unfamiliar clefs, a translation of the text, and has the recercadas on tunes in score with the tunes they are embellishing.

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