## Spring

Spring is when life's alive in everything. Christina Rossetti

The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also. Harriet Ann Jacobs

An optimist is the human personification of spring. Susan J. Bissonette

Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again. Sarah Ban Breathnach

'Tis like the birthday of the world, When earth was born in bloom; The light is made of many dyes, The air is all perfume: There's crimson buds, and white and blue, The very rainbow showers Have turned to blossoms where they fell, And sown the earth with flowers.

Thomas Hood

The true harbinger of spring is not crocuses or swallows returning to Capistrano, but the sound of the bat on the ball. Bill Veeck

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. Henry Van Dyke

"Now that the winter's gone, the earth hath lost Her snow-white robes, and now no more the frost Candies the grass, or casts an icy cream Upon the silver lake or crystal stream; But the warm sun thaws the benumbed earth, And makes it tender; gives a sacred birth To the dead swallow; wakes in hollow tree The drowsy cuckoo and the humble-bee. Now do a choir of chirping minstrels bring In triumph to the world the youthful spring."

"The year's at the spring, And day's at the morn; Morning's at seven; The hill-side's dew-pearled; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn; God's in his Heaven— All's right with the world!" Thomas Carew, The Spring, 1630

Robert Browning, The Year's at the Spring

## March

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. Charles Dickens

"I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

William Wordsworth, Daffodils

"The March wind roars Like a lion in the sky, And makes us shiver As he passes by. When winds are soft, And the days are warm and clear, Just like a gentle lamb, Then spring is here."

Author Unknown

"Daffodils, That come before the swallow dares, and take The winds of March with beauty."

William Shakespeare

## April

| April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.  | William Shakespeare |
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| April is a promise that May is bound to keep.  | Hal Borland         |
| The sun was warm but the wind was chill.<br>You know how it is with an April day.  | Robert Frost        |
| "The April rain, the April rain,<br>Comes slanting down in fitful showers,<br>Then from the furrow shoots the grain,<br>And banks are fledged with nestling flowers;<br>And in grey shawl and woodland bowers<br>The cuckoo through the April rain<br>Calls once again."<br>"Let the rain kiss you.<br>Let the rain beat upon your head with silver I<br>Let the rain sing you a lullaby.<br>The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.<br>The rain makes running pools in the gutter.<br>The rain plays a little sleep-song on our roof<br>And I love the rain." |                     |

"The roofs are shining from the rain, The sparrows twitter as they fly, And with a windy April grace The little clouds go by. Yet the back yards are bare and brown With only one unchanging tree---I could not be so sure of Spring Save that it sings in me."

Sara Teasdale, April

## May

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." Edwin Way Teale

'But I must gather knots of flowers, And buds and garlands gay, For I'm to be Queen o' the May, mother, I'm to be Queen o' the May.'

Alfred Lord Tennyson

"The trees are coming into leaf Like something almost being said; The recent buds relax and spread, Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again And we grow old? No, they die too, Their yearly trick of looking new Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh In fullgrown thickness every May. Last year is dead, they seem to say, Begin afresh, afresh, afresh."

Philip Larkin, The Trees

"The air is like a butterfly With frail blue wings. The happy earth looks at the sky And sings."

Joyce Kilmer, Spring