

Welcome! Glad Spring!

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WELCOME, glad Spring! with new-born
Hope,

Cold Earth feels thy embrace;
Snow's mantle leaves the mountain's slope—
The rivers run a race:
Who'll be the first to kiss the sea?
Bold mountain-torrents said,
As, through the valleys bounding free,
They rush to Ocean's bed.

Welcome, glad Spring! with boisterous
mirth,

The Winds sing songs so loud,
That Nature wakes to view the earth,
Rain melts her snowy shroud
And then, from out the teeming soil,
The sun draws forth the flowers,
To smile upon the sons of toil,
And cheer their busy hours!

Welcome, glad Spring! the children say,

As to the fields they run,
To gather early flowers in May,
And bask beneath her sun!
The wooing birds sing as they build
Their cozy nests on high,
While fleecy clouds sail lazily
Across yon azure sky!

Welcome, glad Spring! old age again—
Slow marching to the tomb—

Once more revives from cold and pain,
Takes on a passing bloom:
Like yonder oak upon the plain,
Grim, gnarled, old, and bare,
With Spring's green leaves looks young
again,
And in old age looks fair!

Welcome, glad Spring!—eternal Spring!

The Christian's hope and joy;
Earth gladly hears Heaven's echoes ring.
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