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My love is like the river,
The April river, sweet,
That gathers in the mountain,
And murmurs at your feet;
'Tis fullest in the spring time
With joys that overflow—
When pride and cold estrangement
Are melted, like the snow.

My love is like the blossom,
The April blossom, dear,
Betrayed by fragrant blushes,
Because the sun is near;
'Tis sweeter for the winter,
That wrought its long delay
And nursed its fire and yearning
For perfect bloom to-day.

My love is like the robin,
The April robin, love,
That tunes the bush and scatters
An arc of song above;
For now, in mating springtime,
It sings the sweeter song,
Because of all the silence
That held it mute so long!

—Selected.