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Now snow and ice no more enthral The earth rejoicing to be free; God pours on them the rays of Sol, And sends them laughing to the sea.

Earth's bosom now, mightily stirred, Begins to feel life's throb and bound; God speaks the resurrecting word, And bloom and beauty deck the ground.

And now the ploughman breaks the soil, And fertilizing showers descend; God speaks a promise for his toil— "Seed time and harvest to the end."

And lo! the birds with plumage fair, And songs as sweet as e're were sung; God moves them by an instinct rare, To woo and wed, and rear their young.

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