

Spring and Fall

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Spring

A setting to music by Anthony Hodson

Version in Fma for Soprano

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

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Allegretto

Soprano

Piano

Allegretto

p *mf*

8 *rit.* *A tempo* *mf espress.*

S. No thing is as beau - ti - ful as spring, When weeds in

rit. *A tempo* *pp*

Pno.

15 *rit.* *p*

S. wheels shoot long and love - ly and lush; Thrush's eggs look

rit. *p*

Pno.

22

S. lit - tle low - heav'ns and - thrush Through the ech - o - ing tim ber does so rinse and ring The

Pno.

29

S. *sf*
ear, it strikes like light-nings to hear— him sing;

Pno.

37

S. *p*
The glass-y pear tree leaves and blooms, they

Pno. *p*

43

S. *cresc.*
brush The desc-en - ding blue; that blue is all in a rush With rich ness;—

Pno. *cresc.*

50

S. *mf*
— the ra - cing lambs— too have fair their fling.

Pno. *p non legato ma dolce*

57

S.

Pno. *pp cresc. f*

4 65 *rall.* *Meno mosso*
 S. *p* *mp*
 What is all this juice and all this joy? A

Pno. *rall.* *Meno mosso*
p *mp*
 Resonant but soft

72
 S. *mf*
 strain of the earth's sweet be-ing in the be - gin-ning In E - den gar-den.

Pno. *mf*

77 *mf*
 S. *mf*
 Have, get, be-fore it cloy, be - fore it cloud, Christ, Lord, and sour with sin-ning,

Pno. *mf*

82
 S. *mf*
 In - no-cent mind and May - day in girl and boy, Most, O maid's child, thy choice and

Pno. *mf*

87 *rit.*
 S. *rit.*
 worth-y the win-ning.

Pno. *mf* *pp* *rit.*