

## SPRING

Spring came today!  
How do *I* know? Why, say—  
When the wind blows warm  
And the smoke hangs low,  
When willow twigs glisten  
Near the dogwood's red glow;  
When the sky is clear blue  
And the sun shines bright,  
I just *know* Spring is here!  
Don't you think I am right?

Spring came today!  
How do *I* know? Why, say—  
When the Robin's clear call  
Sounds from far and near;  
When the Red Wing whistles,  
"I am here! I am here!"  
When the Wild Geese fly high  
Toward the frozen North,  
I just *know* Spring is here  
When Pussy Willows burst forth!

Spring came today!  
How do *I* know? Why, say—  
When the grass grows green  
And a faint perfume  
From the sodden earth  
Seems to scent the room,  
When the maple sap drips  
And the lilac buds swell,  
I just *know* it is Spring!  
Do you s'pose I can't tell?

—GEORGIA DOUGLAS CLARKE