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AWE OF APRIL  
~ Gertrude Rudberg

I stood upon a windswept hill,  
The world beneath my feet,  
And watched the birth of spring come in  
As winter took retreat.

I saw beyond the countryside,  
Its spread of emerald green,  
The naked trees all budded out  
In leaves of silken sheen.

I saw a willow tree bent low  
In skirts of yellow grace,  
And overhead the heaven blue  
Were stitched in ribboned lace.

I saw below a rivulet  
Singing in ecstasy  
And all along its winding path  
Was ice, now broken free.

I stood and looked far away  
Across the waking earth,  
And felt within a deep response  
To April and new birth.