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Second Section.



Sweet Daughter of a Rough and Stormy Child . . .  
Delightful Spring — Barbauld

## ONE DAY

There comes one unpredictable day  
Near the end of winter's reign,  
When the warm sun melts the hard tight grip  
On the frozen earth's terrain;  
The ice cracks away from the river banks  
In the wake of its radiant steam,  
And loitering chunks of floating ice,  
Twist and nudge on their way downstream.

The drifts by the snow fence are shrinking,  
As they edge away in the sun  
And the mud is soggy underfoot  
Where the trickling rivulets run;  
The sap is up in the maples  
And buckets ring the trees  
The boughs in the woodlands are greening  
As they sway and nod in the breeze.

The air will grow cold at sundown,  
And the night will be frosty and still,  
Tomorrow the skies may frown with clouds  
And the wind be raw and chill  
Wedges of wild geese are flying north,  
And robins their roundelays sing,  
For God limits the length of the seasons  
And the biting winds that sing.

Laura Bacon



Spring Hangs Her Infant Blossoms  
on the Trees . . . — Cowper



Nothing is Rich But the Inexhaustible  
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Spring Unlocks the Flowers to Paint the  
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