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Easter

See the land her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose;
Seeds so long in darkness sleeping
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and garlands hail the spring;
Sloughs and woodlands ring with voices
While the wild birds build and sing.

You, to whom your Maker granted
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,
Use the craft by God implanted—
Use the reason not your own.
Here while heaven and earth rejoices,
Each his Easter tribute bring—
Work of fingers, chant of voices
Like the birds who build and sing.

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-Kingsley.