

# Song of the Seasons

- 5 In spring time, the forest,  
9 In summer, the sea,  
13 In autumn, the mountains,  
17 In winter, we freeze.  
22 How nice, the old branches  
25 Bursting with buds,  
29 The primrose and bluebell  
34 Freshly grown in the woods.  
38 All green things unfolding,  
42 Where merry birds sing!  
47 I love in the woodlands  
51 To wander in spring.  
56 Ah, wind, is it winter?  
60 Yes, winter is here;  
65 With snow on the meadow,  
69 And ice growing near.  
73 The daylight is short,  
78 But the firelight is long;  
82 Ice-skating's our sport,  
87 Then a story and song.  
92 In spring time, the forest,  
96 In summer, the sea,  
100 In autumn, the mountains,  
104 In winter, just me.

## Quick Questions

1. '*...where merry birds sing!*' In this line, what does 'merry' mean?



2. Number these seasons from 1 to 4 to show the order they appear in the poem.



\_\_\_\_\_ autumn                      \_\_\_\_\_ spring  
\_\_\_\_\_ summer                      \_\_\_\_\_ winter

3. How does the author feel about the branches in spring time? Find evidence from the poem.



4. Fill in the missing words below using the text to help you.



'The daylight is \_\_\_\_\_ but the firelight is \_\_\_\_\_.'