

In Spite of the Rain

by Maddy Brown-Clark

Will Spring come
Despite the rain?
Through winds of time
and showery days
Will flowers bloom
and green grass grow
Will ewes give birth
Will blossoms gently
Fall to earth
Will birds come out
and sign again
Will spring come
Despite the rain?

Winter Grief

by Kareem Ali

Behind the singular church
beyond the blue cemetery
the priests rehearse their confessions
without the drizzle of words


From the distance of
park benches
the pigeons are altar boys
holding court
fluttering through a flurry
of snowflakes and lost

By nightfall
the February trees have fallen
their thorny crown of ice
dangle and grieve
the nuns arrive
drowning in a tsunami of show
whispering their words out loud
almost
Praying.

Small Things

by Michael Ssali

The small things of today are bigger tomorrow.
If I were aware of their significance I would have known.
Not to take them for granted, not to pretend "it's not wanted."
The clock never rewinds like a VCR so I need to stop myself and think,
Unwind the tape of my mind, focus my thoughts on positivity
and learn to treasure every thing that plays in front of me.
Whether things are big or they are small, I need to appreciate them all.



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