

## Orff Carl

### "I Spring"

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3. The merry face of spring

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turns to the world,

sharp winter

now flees, vanquished;

bedecked in various colours

Flora reigns,

the harmony of the woods

praises her in song. Ah!

Lying in Flora's lap

Phoebus once more

smiles, now covered

in many-coloured flowers,

Zephyr breathes nectar-

scented breezes.

Let us rush to compete

for love's prize. Ah!

In harp-like tones sings

the sweet nightingale,

with many flowers

the joyous meadows are laughing,

a flock of birds rises up  
through the pleasant forests,  
the chorus of maidens  
already promises a thousand joys. Ah!

#### 4. The sun warms everything

The sun warms everything,  
pure and gentle,  
once again it reveals to the world  
April's face,  
the soul of man  
is urged towards love  
and joys are governed  
by the boy-god.

All this rebirth  
in spring's festivity  
and spring's power  
bids us to rejoice;  
it shows us paths we know well,  
and in your springtime  
it is true and right  
to keep what is yours.

Love me faithfully!

See how I am faithful:

with all my heart  
and with all my soul,

I am with you

even when I am far away.

Whosoever loves this much

turns on the wheel.

5. Behold, the pleasant spring

Behold, the pleasant

and longed-for

spring brings back joyfulness,

violet flowers

fill the meadows,

the sun brightens everything,

sadness is now at an end!

Summer returns,

now withdraw

the rigours of winter. Ah!

Now melts

and disappears

ice, snow and the rest,

winter flees,

and now spring sucks at summer's breast:

a wretched soul is he

who does not live

or lust

under summer's rule. Ah!

They glory

and rejoice

in honeyed sweetness  
who strive  
to make use of  
Cupid's prize;  
at Venus' command  
let us glory  
and rejoice  
in being Paris' equals. Ah

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