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Primavera

It is April!!

In the Northern Hemisphere, the tubers and bulbs sprout and penetrate the top soil and decaying leaves left from last autumn. First crocuses erupt, then daffodils and tulips. Forsythias bloom and the dogwood shows promise. The buds on the trees and shrubs bulge and take on a light green hue. The birds increase in number and sound. Squirrels appear and scurry about.

Spring!! Even with our current insight into and knowledge of molecular biology, it remains a wonder. A marvelous production that satisfies like an opera or ballet that we have seen before and know well, but are thrilled when it is repeated once again and fulfills our expectation and our need to experience again the beauty of the world around us. Each year spring is as wonderful and remarkable as the year before.

The Italian word for spring is primavera, meaning literally, "first green." Pri-ma-ver-a, how musical and appropriate to describe the symphony of nature repeated in the Northern Hemisphere each April.

Spring. Primavera. First green.

Bravo!

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