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INTRODUCTION.

Hail genial spring! sweet smiling maid
Clad in thy robe of green,
Deck'd with the wild flower of the glade,
Dancing upon the sweet grass blade
Hail nature's virgin queen!

Thy smiles, are beacons to my heart,
Fresh hopelings to my breast,
For I have felt the winter's smart,
And bow'd beneath affliction's dart,
Sorrowing and distrest.

But thou, sweet spring, with beaming eye,
Lighting thy gentle way,
Makes my chill blood extatic fly,
Whilst thinking that adversity,
Will bend before thy ray.