

1. A Time to Dance

Words: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up
that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance!

SPRING

2. Welcome Spring

Words: Thomas Morley 'Now is the month of Maying',
Zechariah 10:1, Song of Solomon 2:11-13

The spring, clad all in gladness,
Doth laugh at winter's sadness,
Fa la la...
The flowers from earth are springing
And now the birds are singing,
They're singing to welcome spring.

We welcome spring and so we sing:
The flowers from earth are springing
And now the birds are singing,
They're singing to welcome spring.

Ask the Lord for rain,
For the springtime rain,
Thunderstorms and rain,
Showers of rain swell the grain,
Ask the Lord for springtime rain.

The flowers from earth are springing
And now the birds are singing,
They're singing to welcome spring.

Arise, my love, my fair one, come away,
For lo the winter is past
And spring is come at last,
Fa la la...

The flowers from earth are springing
And now the birds are singing,
They're singing to welcome spring.

3. Music, Sweet Music

Words: Eliza Cook poem 'Spring' vv2-3

Music, sweet music,
Sounds over all the earth;
One glad choral song
Greets the primrose's birth;
The lark soars above,
With its shrill matin strain;
The shepherd boy tunes
His reed pipe on the plain.

Music, sweet music,
Cheers meadow and lea;—
In the song of the blackbird,
The hum of the bee;
The loud happy laughter
Of children at play
Proclaim how they worship
Spring's beautiful day.

4. To the Bagpipe's Sound

Words: Thomas Morley 'Now is the month of Maying'

To the bagpipe's sound
The nymphs tread out their ground,
Fa la la...
Fie then, why sit we musing,
Youth's delight refusing?
Fa la la...

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The nymphs tread out their ground,
Fa la la...

SUMMER

5. Sing Cuccu!

Words: Emily Brontë poem Moonlight, Summer Moonlight
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Summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair.

Lhude sing cuccu!
Well singes thu, cuccu!
Ne swik thu naver nu!

Summer moonlight,
All soft and still and fair.

Thunder, lightning,
Very frightening,
Shepherd, you should run
And find shelter from the storm!

6. Trees Lending Shelter

Words: Emily Brontë poem 'Moonlight, Summer Moonlight
vv1-2

The solemn hour of midnight
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,
But most where trees are sending
Their breezy boughs on high,
Or stooping low are lending
A shelter from the sky.

7. Summer Storm

Words: Psalm 77:17-18

The clouds poured out water;
The sky sent out sound;
The voice of thunder was in Heav'n;
The lightening lightened all the world;
Earth trembled and shook!

AUTUMN

8. Song of Harvest

Words: Henry Alford hymn 'Come, ye thankful people,
come', Exodus 34:21

Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest,
All safely gathered in.
Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest home,
'Ere the winter storms begin.

On the seventh day you shall rest,
Even during ploughing season,
Even during harvest season.

Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest,
All safely gathered in.
Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest home.

9. Falling Autumn Leaves

Words: Emily Brontë poem 'Fall, Leaves, Fall' v1

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

10. Make a Joyful Noise

Words: Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 150:3-6

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands,
Praise Him upon the trumpet,
Praise Him upon the timbrel,
Praise Him upon the organ,
Praise Him upon the cymbal.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands,
Praise ye the Lord,
Praise and serve the Lord with gladness,
Come before His presence with song.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.

WINTER

11. Winter Freeze

Words: Antonio Vivaldi sonnet 'L'Inverno'

Agghiacciato tremar trà nevi algenti
Al Severo Spirar d' orrido Vento,
Correr battendo i piedi ogni momento;
E pel Soverchio gel batter i denti;
Correr battendo i piedi ogni momento.

12. Cosy Indoors (while outside it pours)

Words: Swingle-style scat

13. While Earth Remaineth

Words: Genesis 8:22

While the Earth remaineth
Seed time and harvest
Shall not cease.
Seed time and harvest and cold and heat,
While Earth remaineth they shall not cease.

Seed time and harvest and cold and heat
And summer, winter, day, night,
All shall not cease.

Music, sweet music,
Cuccu! Cuccu!
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Spring, summer, autumn, winter
Shall never cease.

14. A Time of Peace

Words: Ecclesiastes 3: 1& 5-8, Requiem Mass

To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, no more;
and a time (*Dona nobis pacem*),
A time of peace.