

# St. Dunstan's Red and White

*Ex eodem fonte fides et scientia*

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## Growth

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*Now there is need of words to fashion joy  
Since robins bravely sing,  
Should any sad remembering destroy  
The rapture of the Spring?*

*When life stirs in the darkness of the earth  
Reaching to light again,  
And beauty is awakened to new birth,  
We should make peace with pain.*

*Trees have no memory of fallen leaves  
Nor flowers of withered stem:  
Not any lovely thing in nature grieves  
When living ends for them;*

*The end is the beginning: unaware  
They go the God—made way,  
In season blooming and in season bare—  
Should we do less than they?*

—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin