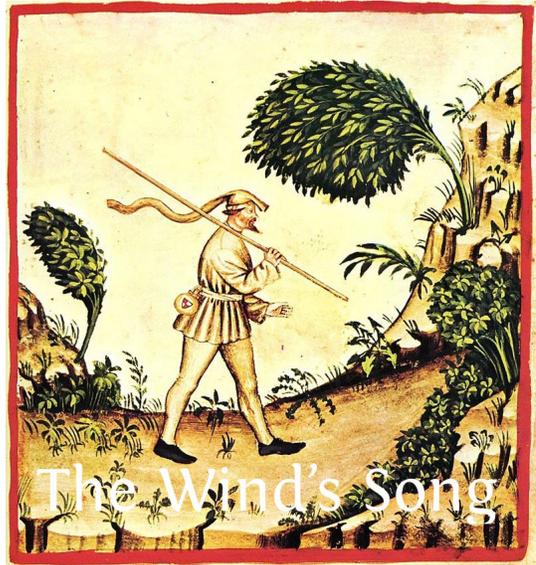


B is for Bear

Assignment 24

- *speech night*. Students will be reciting poems in costume (impersonating the poet) on Speech Night (specific date in April to be announced). Students will be given a very short introduction to memorize as well. Below is a list of students with the poem that each will be reciting.
- Ben Wallacavage, “The Bells” by Edgar Allan Poe
Introduction: Bells sound happy, sad, or angry to us according to our circumstances and season of our life. How merry they sound when we are young!
- Lucas Maximo, “Weariness” by Alfred Tennyson
Introduction: Through his word choice and rhyme, Tennyson pictures what it is to be really, really tired in his poem “The Lotos-eaters.” After listening to the beginning lines, you may want to go home and fall asleep!
- Abigail Humbert, “The Violet” by Jane Taylor
Introduction: Yes, the rose has movie star good looks, but there is a plain beauty to other flowers, like the violet. Listen to Jane Taylor’s poem, which teaches that there is a beauty in humility.
- Bridget Peterkin, “Bitter for Sweet” by Christina Rossetti
Introduction: Don’t you wish that the beauty of sweet summer would last forever? But it doesn’t. Chilly autumn comes and then bitterly cold winter. Christina Rossetti talks about the swift passing of the seasons in her poem “Bitter for Sweet.”
- Abel Rorer, “The Sun Has Long Been Set” by William Wordsworth
Introduction: William Wordsworth wrote “The Sun Has Long Been Set” right as he was enjoying a beautiful evening in June. He did not sit down at a desk and work at the poem; it just came out as he was talking to a friend.
- Elizabeth Yurek, “The Voice of Spring” by Mary Howitt
Introduction: Spring is here. Do you hear it? The poet Mary Howitt does—in the humming of bees and the bleating of new-born lambs.
- *reading*. Complete Lesson 24 in your *B is for Bear* textbook, volume 2.
- *handwriting*. Complete Lesson 24 of your handwriting book.
- *dictation*. Students should write out Dictation 24, found below.



EXERCISE A

Listen to him whistle!
The quiet girl nestled by her mother.
The girl was trying to fasten this on.
Listen to him loudly quaff his drink!
I listened to a tale about an old castle.

EXERCISE B

Tom said, "Quit whistling!"
I was jostled in the crowd.
The girl was chastened by the old teacher.
The girl was crushing the seeds with the pestle.
I moistened my lips and whistled.

- *book recommendation*. Here is another book recommendation: Lauren Mills. *The Rag Coat*. Little, Brown, 1991. A poor Appalachian girl's coat is mocked by her classmates, but it is more meaningful to her than any of theirs are to them: it has been quilted from pieces given to her by her friends.

ASSIGNED POEMS FOR SPEECH DAY

Jules Dougherty: Robert Frost, "Looking for a Sunset Bird in Winter"

Gwen Giannotti: William Wordsworth, "The Rainbow"

Rita Haselbarth: William Wordsworth, "The Sun Has Long Been Set"

Olivia Humbert: Jane Taylor, "The Violet"

Owen Ireland: Edgar Allan Poe, "The Bells"

Iliana Lott: Mary Howitt, "The Voice of Spring"

Sarah Malachowski: Alfred Tennyson, "Weariness"

Miguel Maximo: Alfred Tennyson, "The Brook"

Patrick Mohan: John Keats, "To Autumn"

Benjamin Pin: Helen Hunt Jackson, "September"

Elijah Reader: Emily Dickinson, "In the Garden"

Lily Sheridan: Robert Frost, "Gathering Leaves"

Laneya Worthington: Christina Rossetti, "Bitter for Sweet"