

Antonio Vivaldi: two movements from the Four Seasons with accompanying sonnets

Spring – Concerto in E Major

Allegro

Springtime is upon us.

The birds celebrate her return with festive song,
and murmuring streams are softly caressed by the breezes.

Thunderstorms, those heralds of Spring, roar,
casting their dark mantle over heaven,

Then they die away to silence,

and the birds take up their charming songs once more.

Largo

On the flower-strewn meadow,

with leafy branches rustling overhead,

the goat-herd sleeps, his faithful dog beside him.

Allegro

Led by the festive sound of rustic bagpipes,

nymphs and shepherds lightly dance

beneath the brilliant canopy of spring.