



Blossoming
Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina
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I Did Not Know

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I did not know -
And it was but a few short days ago -
 How near to spring it was; the world lay still
 In all the bitter cold of winter chill;
Yet even then the May-buds with the glow
Of burning lips pressed to the melting snow
 Had kissed themselves a window to the sky, -
 And spring was nigh.

I did not know -
Ah, was it such a little while ago! -
 Within my heart how near it was to spring;
 I did not guess the blessed blossoming,
Until this gladsome morn I woke, and lo!
Sweet with new fragrance does the whole world grow
 From that so fair and snow-sprung flower dear, -
 And spring is here!

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