

## International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Spring

Most of us are hopeful that spring is just around the corner. Here are some idioms using the idea and word, "spring." See if you can use the terms in your own sentence.

### Idioms

1. No spring chicken. This is a phrase that would describe someone who is older. "That singer is no spring chicken but she sure has a lot of energy."
2. Spring fever. This describes a feeling of restlessness, excitement, or laziness brought on by the coming of spring. "I cannot concentrate on my studies because I would rather be outside. I have a bad case of spring fever."

### Quotes

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring. George Santayana

*What does it mean to be hopelessly in love with spring?*

*What is the difference between interest in the changing seasons and being solely interested in spring?*

*What is your favorite season? Does this change your attitude about the other seasons?*

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson

*What is a shoe full of slush? What is uncomfortable about it?*

*How do you think weather can make you feel happy even when you are physically uncomfortable?*

*What do you feel about spring? Describe your mental attitude.*

## Spring Song

by Robert Louis Stevenson

THE air was full of sun and birds,  
The fresh air sparkled clearly.  
Remembrance wakened in my heart  
And I knew I loved her dearly.

The fallows and the leafless trees  
And all my spirit tingled.  
My earliest thought of love, and Spring's  
First puff of perfume mingled.

In my still heart the thoughts awoke,  
Came lone by lone together -  
Say, birds and Sun and Spring, is Love  
A mere affair of weather?

### Discussion

*Define the unfamiliar words.*

*Restate the poet's thoughts in your own words.*

*Do you agree or disagree with his ideas?*