“Knoxville, Tennessee” by Nikki Giovanni

I always like summer  
Best  
you can eat fresh corn  
From daddy's garden  
And okra  
And greens  
And cabbage  
And lots of  
Barbeque  
And buttermilk  
And homemade ice-cream  
At the church picnic  
And listen to  
Gospel music  
Outside  
At the church  
Homecoming  
And go to the mountains with  
Your grandmother  
And go barefooted  
And be warm  
All the time  
Not only when you go to bed  
And sleep

**“You Can Tell It's Spring”**

**by Charles Thomson and John Foster  
  
You can tell it's spring  
When the trees turn green  
And there are just puddlies**

**Where the snow has been.  
  
You can tell it's spring  
When the birds build nests  
And mum packs away  
Our warm winter vests.  
  
You can tell it's spring  
When the yellow heads  
Of daffodils dance  
In the flower beds.  
  
You can tell it's spring.  
It's lighter each day  
And after school  
We can stay out and play.**