“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.**