

SPARROW TREE SQUARE



Spring Songs

“‘Tis *spring*; come
out to *ramble*...”

–A. E. Housman (1859-1936), English poet

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Spring

Thomas Nashe

Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king,	1
Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring,	2
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing:	3
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!	4
The palm and may make country houses gay,	5
Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day,	6
And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay:	7
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!	8
The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feet,	9
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,	10
In every street these tunes our ears do greet:	11
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to witta-woo!	12
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THOMAS NASHE (1567—c. 1601) was an English writer. He was a prominent pamphleteer, or publisher of short works in paper booklets, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.



Cuckoo and Azaleas by Katsushika Hokusai