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Spring

Beaches and oaks;
Thick roots sticking out of the earth;
The worms of the May bug on the leaves of the beech
You can see a moving caravan of red ants in two rows there too;
A half-destroyed blackened nest and mistletoe;
A waterfall between enormous grey boulders; a small deep pool;

A waterfall between enormous grey boulders; a small deep pool; At the edge of the water three fish, clinging to each other, basking in the sun;

On the top of the rock an old whitish-yellow grass-snake; toads on the boulder;

Young trees along the river; thick ones on the slopes of the ravine; A blackened eye of an immense hollow in the bare-branched oak; Field mushrooms hidden among dead leaves; Yellow-beaked blackbirds, male and female, fussing around; A wag-tail at the edge of the water, on slippery stones; A quiet cool breeze.

Summer

Tall green grass along a small brook;
A greenish brown lizard quiet on a big stone;
A poppy sprinkled with black dots on the sides, glowing red;
Yellow and blue tiny flowers scattered in the meadow;
Two big flame-coloured butterflies chasing each other;
A snail with its head out of its shell, with its horn up;
Jumping and flying grass-hoppers, creaking in different voices;
Big, shiny flies, dragon-floes, wasps, bees;
And the smell, mixed with everything, intoxicating smell.

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