

# ◦ Four Seasons ◦

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*A spring day. Two people are sitting on a park bench. Silence for a moment, then they begin to speak.*

**ONE:** Summer's coming.

**TWO:** Yes.

**ONE:** Will be warm soon.

**TWO:** Hot.

**ONE:** Humid.

**TWO:** You might even say balmy.

**ONE:** I wouldn't say that.

**TWO:** You wouldn't?

**ONE:** Not the kind of thing I'd say.

**TWO:** But it will be balmy.

**ONE:** Yes, it will.

**TWO:** Yes, it surely will.

**ONE:** Sure not looking forward to it.

**TWO:** You're not?

**ONE:** I'm not.

**TWO:** Why not?

**ONE:** Not much for the heat.

**TWO:** Too hot?

**ONE:** Too darn hot.

**TWO:** Sunny days.

**ONE:** Hot nights.

**TWO:** Steamy nights.

**ONE:** Gonna be here soon.

**TWO:** Spring.

**ONE:** It's sprung.

**TWO:** Who came up with that?

**ONE:** With what?

**TWO:** Spring.

**ONE:** Spring?

**TWO:** Why spring?

**ONE:** Why not?

**TWO:** Why not gear?

**ONE:** Or widget?

**TWO:** Exactly.

**ONE:** But someone did.

**TWO:** They did indeed.

**ONE:** Wasn't us.

**TWO:** Not that I recall.

**ONE:** You'd remember that.

**TWO:** Would I?

**ONE:** You should.

**TWO:** And yet I don't.

**ONE:** Neither do I.

**TWO:** But still, it is spring.

**ONE:** Better than winter.

**TWO:** Better?

**ONE:** Warmer.

**TWO:** Birds are singing.

**ONE:** Trees are budding.

**TWO:** Grass is growing.

**ONE:** Kid's are playing.

**TWO:** Don't they play in winter?

**ONE:** It's different then.

**TWO:** Colder.

**ONE:** Doesn't rain then.

**TWO:** Too cold for rain.

**ONE:** Snow.

**TWO:** No two are the same you know.

**ONE:** How can they know?

**TWO:** I don't know, but somehow, they know.

**ONE:** They know about snow.

**TWO:** Snow angels.

**ONE:** Snowball fights.

**TWO:** Snowmen.

**ONE:** Corncob pipe and stovepipe hat.

**TWO:** Coal and carrot make a face.

**ONE:** Did you ever make a snowman?

**TWO:** Did I ever!

**ONE:** I'm asking.

**TWO:** I'm telling.

**ONE:** You did not.

**TWO:** I did.

**ONE:** You made a snowman?

**TWO:** I made one.

**ONE:** Frosty.

**TWO:** Jack Frost.

**ONE:** Nips at your nose.

**TWO:** Kris Kringle.

**ONE:** Santa Claus.

**TWO:** Jolly old St. Nick.

**ONE:** Down through the chimney.

**TWO:** Get's chilly though.

**ONE:** When is that?

**TWO:** In Autumn.

**ONE:** Fall.

**TWO:** Now that makes sense.

**ONE:** Temperatures fall.

**TWO:** But Autumn, what is that?

**ONE:** Leaves fall.

**TWO:** Oh yes.

**ONE:** It all falls.

**TWO:** Nip in the air.

**ONE:** Raking leaves.

**TWO:** Burning leaves.

**ONE:** Bringing in the harvest.

**TWO:** Apples and Pumpkins.

**ONE:** Jack o'lanterns.

**TWO:** Kids are back in school.

**ONE:** Got their backpacks.

**TWO:** Got their books.

**ONE:** Homework to do.

**TWO:** Got their teachers dirty looks.

**ONE:** Football season.

**TWO:** Ah, yes, football.

**ONE:** Go long.

**TWO:** The old pigskin.

**ONE:** Pilgrims didn't play football though.

**TWO:** No, they did not.

**ONE:** Did they play?

**TWO:** Did they pray?

**ONE:** They did pray.

**TWO:** They gave thanks.

**ONE:** Thanks are for giving.

**TWO:** Forgiving?

**ONE:** Forgive who?

**TWO:** The pilgrims.

**ONE:** Ah, the Indians.

**TWO:** Indeed.

**ONE:** It got ugly.

**TWO:** A shame.

**ONE:** It was a massacre.

**TWO:** It's the way of things.

**ONE:** Things change.

**TWO:** Nothing stays the same.

**ONE:** Everyday something new.

**TWO:** A new day is dawning.

**ONE:** Summer will be here soon.

**TWO:** It is on it's way.

**ONE:** Which way?

**TWO:** Is there another way?

**ONE:** Not that I know.

**TWO:** Only one way to go.

**ONE:** Must you go?

**TWO:** We all must go.

**ONE:** Where to go now?

**TWO:** Any way you like.

**ONE:** So we're off then.

**TWO:** Off we go.

**ONE:** Good talking to you.

**TWO:** And you.

*They both go off their separate ways.*

*Fin.*