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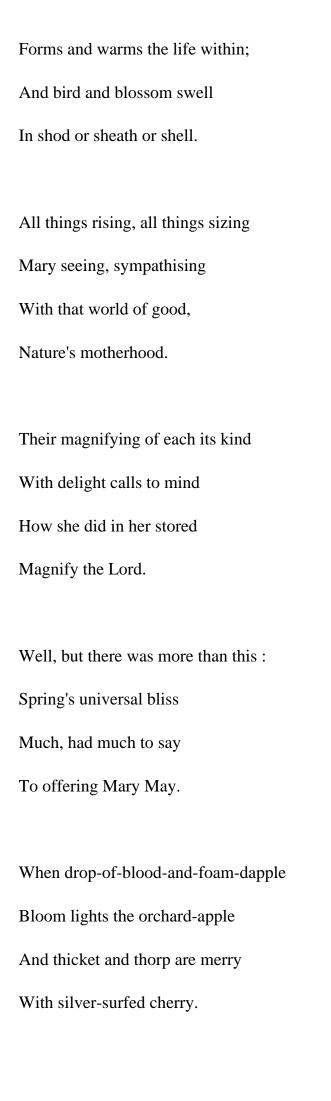
Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,

Grass and greenworld all together;

Star-eyed strawberry-breasted

Throttle above her nested.

Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin



And azuring-over greyball makes Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes And magic cuckoocall Caps, clears, and clinches all -This ecstasy all through mothering earth Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth To remember, and exultation In God who was her salvation. Gerard Manley Hopkins (From 'The May Magnificat') Gerard Manley Hopkins