

## "Spring Music" by Carole E. Gregory

With the season of green branch buds  
opening up slowly,  
COVID memories on a calendar,  
grocery stores were closed,  
liquor stores were open,  
now this season of yellow daffodils  
press skyward.

Spring comes like the women  
at Jesus's tomb,

Women like Phillis Wheatley down to  
Amanda Gorman sing  
at our births & mournings.

The Savior entered a grave,  
lovingly rising  
while children now jump  
Double Dutch with joy,  
& the fingers of a pianist  
speak stories in a music tongue.

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## "Margaret Walker Sings - Ecclesiastes 12 : 4 "

First, she sang.

She sang to babies - taking first steps,

she sang to young ones - in

cities & on sharecropping

farms,

she sang to bright college students,

who seek wisdom over war,

she sang to the ordinary

who cooked a meal,

hammered a nail.

She sang to the brave

Medgar Evers,

registering us to vote,

she sang

to the distinguished - Billie

Holiday's " Strange Fruit,"

and Handy's " When the

Saints Go Marching In,"

she sang a future vision of

Sandra Bland & George Floyd,

she sang to the

Mississippi river where

Grandma Mary says

there are more drowned

Coloreds than fish.

She sang a way out of

no way renewal,

John Brown & William

Kunsler men joining,

she sang of the Dr. Charles

Drews & Katherine  
Johnson geniuses to come,  
she sang to the Lebron  
Jameses & Oprah Winfreys  
to open schools.  
She sang to the Freedom  
Fighters - Ida B. Wells, Dr. Dubois, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Chaney, Goodman &  
Schwerner,  
Muhammad Ali, Viola Liuzzo,  
Fannie Lou Hamer. Alice Walker,  
Malcolm X, Dr. King,  
Rosa Parks, Angela Davis,  
& Darnella Frazier.  
She sang " For My People."  
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