

Spring 2015 Prose & Poetry Recitation

For each season of the year we commit some verse or a prose selection to memory. There is no better way to relish the beauty and power of our native tongue or reflect with delight on the truth that makes us free.

Our spring selection is “Morning Has Broken” by English poetess Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Aside from her poems, she is best known for her children’s stories and plays. The pop singer Cat Stevens, you will recall, recorded a memorable version of the work below in the cultural turmoil of the 1960’s and its aftermath.

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

**Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.**

**Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play;
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day.**