

TAKE HEART

A Conversation in Poetry

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Today's column features three poems about arrivals that celebrate spring in Maine.

Spring Thaw

by Ruth F. Guillard

Night, early April
White rivers of rain, snowmelt
Roar over the rocks
Scouring the steep slopes
Tripping over grey boulders
Hillsides echoing

Every spring I wait
For this sweet sound of release
The earth rejoicing.

Loon Return

by Carol Bachofner

Long ribbons of loons
descend through a cleft
in the spreading morning;
resplendent in formal attire,
they dip into icy meltwater ponds.
Beautiful, eerie laughter heralds
oncoming spring, breaks the boreal
winter silence with its return.

Growing Lettuce

by Henry Braun

I have broken soil
and run a line in the blackness with my finger
and dropped the flea-like seeds in
too thickly.

Even so, even so,
the lettuce comes, standing room only,
as a favor to a first try
and is a shy green.

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