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Under the Quince Apple Tree

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In the early spring
The nightingale sings
a song of dejection
loss, and deceit
The bumblebee is busy
In spreading rumors
of the death of Tereus
and persuading nightingale
To sing a happy song
a song of jubilation
The cricket has been singing
dirges since the drones started
sucking nectar from narcissus
the thorn of rose bush watches
the beetle losing its potency.
After a long slumber
The garden is awake
To witness the full bloom
of quince blossoms
The white and pink colour
May soon get changed into
Red and rusty. The rain of
Spring will wither away the

bloom from buds
and infuse an energy of
Death and decay. The spring
may soon turn into autumnal dismay
The dead leaves may soon get crushed
Under the feet of innocence. And the
Grey clouds may march into the sky
to ascertain that the wind did not blow
And seeds are mixed with the
Waters of Vitasta, to offer it to vultures
So that it may prove elixir to them