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A Night in Summer

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JOHN TAGLIABUE

**Horns, Drums, Banners, Masked Dancers, Very Noisy Musicians,
Rattling Clanging Bells in the Vast Allegory**

The
flourishes
of
adjectives
like
the
flourishes
of
processions
announced
the
masked
rider
with
his
Golden
Noun.

WARD ABBOTT

A NIGHT IN SUMMER

Night springs forth
On summer evening
Of half-light swallowed
By darkness.
And when the night comes,
None is peaceful,
But neon life throbs
In the streets
Below the green star.
The ocean of night-people
Crashes against the shore
Of floundered day.

DANIEL POLSBY

CANTICLE OF SPRING

Today is spring.
soft shrouded warm floods the loving earth.
the hazegreening trees bob lightly in the wind.
dandelions dot the slip soft day.
misty, sighing sweet rain bathes the spring;
the day forgets:
yesterday's ice drips dumbly down a drain.