



## Seasonal Poetry for Wet on Wet Watercolor Paintings

Spring – green

Summer – yellow

Autumn – red

Winter – blue

### **Green**

by Lilian Moore

Ducklings,  
Look around.

That's treegreen  
filling the sky

and there's grassgreen  
running  
up the hill  
steeply.

the shadowgreen is  
pine woods,  
dark  
old.

The yellowgreen is  
young leaf  
unfolding,  
new  
as you.

Breathe green  
deeply.

### **The Sun**

by Grace Nichols

The sun is a glowing spider  
that crawls out  
from under the earth  
to make her way across the sky  
warming and weaving  
with her bright old fingers  
of light.

### **Autumn Leaves**

by Marilyn Helmer

Wind blows  
and fills the skies  
with gold and yellow  
butterflies

which flit to earth  
with skips and hops  
to dance and twirl  
like spinning tops.

The last one dips  
in a puddle to float  
like a single scarlet  
sailing boat.

## **When All the World is Full of Snow**

by N. M. Bodecker

I never know  
just where to go,  
when all the world  
is full of snow.

I do not want  
to make a track,  
not even  
to the shed and back.

I only want  
to watch and wait,  
while snow moths settle  
on the gate,

and swarming frost flakes  
fill the trees  
with billions  
of albino bees.

I want to watch  
the snow swarms thin,  
'til all my bees  
have settled in,

and on the ice  
the boulders ride,  
like sleeping snow geese  
on the tide.

I only want  
myself to be  
as silent as  
a winter tree,

to hear the swirling  
stillness grow,  
when all the world  
is full of snow.

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- 6 "The Spinning Earth" from Treasury of Children's Poetry  
p.130  
The Day We Saw the Sun Come Up Alice Goudey  
How the Earth spins round creating day and night
- 7 The Shadow Book Beatrice de Regniers  
The Boy with Two Shadows Margaret Mahy  
Shadows and sundials
- 8 Once I Knew a Spider Jennifer Dewey  
How to read a thermometer – F and C  
  
Temperature charades with poems  
"To Walk in Warm Rain" p.63, "Duck Weather" p.62, & "Winter Days" p.64
- 9 "Snow Clouds" from Treasury of Children's Poetry  
p.144  
& "Wind Song" p.66  
Types of precipitation, types of clouds  
  
Painting the rainbow (Rauld Russell's book)



## First Grade Four Seasons

- 14 Field Trip to Smithsonian's Natural History Museum  
<http://www.mnh.si.edu/>

We have planned this field trip – I don't know if you would also want to head here, but it is a good follow up and conclusion to a Science block. We are going the last Monday in January. Also, since you are ending the month on the constellations it might be a good time for stargazing (do you have a local planetarium) or a family camping trip the final weekend in January, depending on the weather. ;-)

Let me know if you have any questions. My notes are for myself so they may be a little hard to follow. For the seasonal paintings I would recommend beginning with Winter (1- it is the season we are in and 2- it is only one color, blue on the white paper) and then Spring (blue + yellow), Summer (yellow + red), and Autumn (yellow + red but evoking a different mood, more challenging).

Take care,  
Rhoda