

Poetry and more

Earth's awakening

All seems dull and gloom at the beginning
of the year
In a few months the landscape changes in
gear
With fragrant flowers, every colour and
kind
Birds are playful, have mating in mind
People marvel at vast changes evolving
from wintry gloom.
Lush meadows, tidy gardens bring forth
flowers bursting with bloom.
Our trees emerge in many shades of green
Everywhere we look there is much to be
seen
Of people taking on tasks at their leisure
Like bird watching, walking, talking,
enjoying every pleasure
We in turn should respect all that we own
Be grateful for this revival of life, so well
sown.
Into a patchwork of colour and life
wherever we look
Consider this regular seasonal change and
the short time it took
For our jewelled island emerges in such a
bright light
We are blessed seeing this wondrous sight
And delight at this reoccurrence every
spring
Can only uplift us in the joy it brings

Mollie Day

Hertford

Hertford town is a great place to be
It has a beating heart, alive for all to see
Even if the buildings are old and shops
small in size
Most visitors are very welcome and find a
coveted prize
By finding a very personal service in our
shops
Also the Dramatic Society has many props
To use for our entertainment and delight
Seldom has there been a flop or any plight.
In addition our churches are learning to be
more together
All Saints is flourishing and beginning to
tether

With activities for all to see
Encouraging many folk to unite and
believe
In accepting each other as they truly are
Not allowing any age to be a bar
Also for all to enjoy, Hartham Common, a
beautiful place
Where people of all ages gather to enjoy
its space
To play sports and pastimes when at our
best
After which we may sit by a river and take
a well-earned rest.

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Get happy – have a good talk with your dad

Children who talk regularly with their dad
about topics that really matter to them are
much happier than those who do not.

Young people who said they talk seriously
to their fathers 'most days' gave
themselves an 87 per cent score on a
happiness scale. Yet sadly, the study,
carried out recently for the Children's
Society, found that nearly half of young
people (46 per cent) said they 'hardly
ever' spoke to their fathers about
important topics. And only 13 per cent of
young people speak seriously to their dads
'most days'. The Children's Society warns
that a child's wellbeing later in life
depends on their teenage relationship with
their father as well as with their mother.

