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ILLUSTRATION BY GEORGE HEJNA

New spring is a slash of color  
across sere and winter-barren fields.  
The mountain is fuchsiaed with red bud,  
and forsythia gilds the flatland.  
Under it all, dormant grass crinkles into life.  
The trees puff emerald buds  
onto ends of spiky little twigs  
and made a multigreen filigree  
that trims the seam of earth  
where brown and blue set the horizon.  
Spring is a jubilation of promise.

