

THE WINNERS

A wisp of crocus pushes past old snow
To sound the rally for all bulbs and corms.
New-found recruits appear in many forms;
A crisp platoon of green begins to show.

A lisp of southern breeze attempts to blow
Two rounded buds about-face as it warms.
Through browned-out grasses and recycling storms,
A whisper fills the earth from things that grow.

It swells each day with rhythmic upward thrust.
The din below moves nearer surface heat;
It yells through yellow trumpets piercing crust.
We win their campaign's triumph at our feet.