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The First Swallow
by Charlotte Smith

The sparrow is a feather on the earth,
The banks with speedwell flowers are gay;
The oaks are budding and, beneath,
The hawthorn soon will bear the wreath;
The silver wreath, of May.

The welcome guest of settled Spring,
The swallow, too, has come at last;
Just at sunset, when thrushes sing,
I saw her dash with rapid wing,
And hailed her as the poised.

Come summer visitor, attach
To me your roof your nest of clay,
And let my ear your music catch,
Low twitting underneath the thatch
At the gray dawn of day.

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