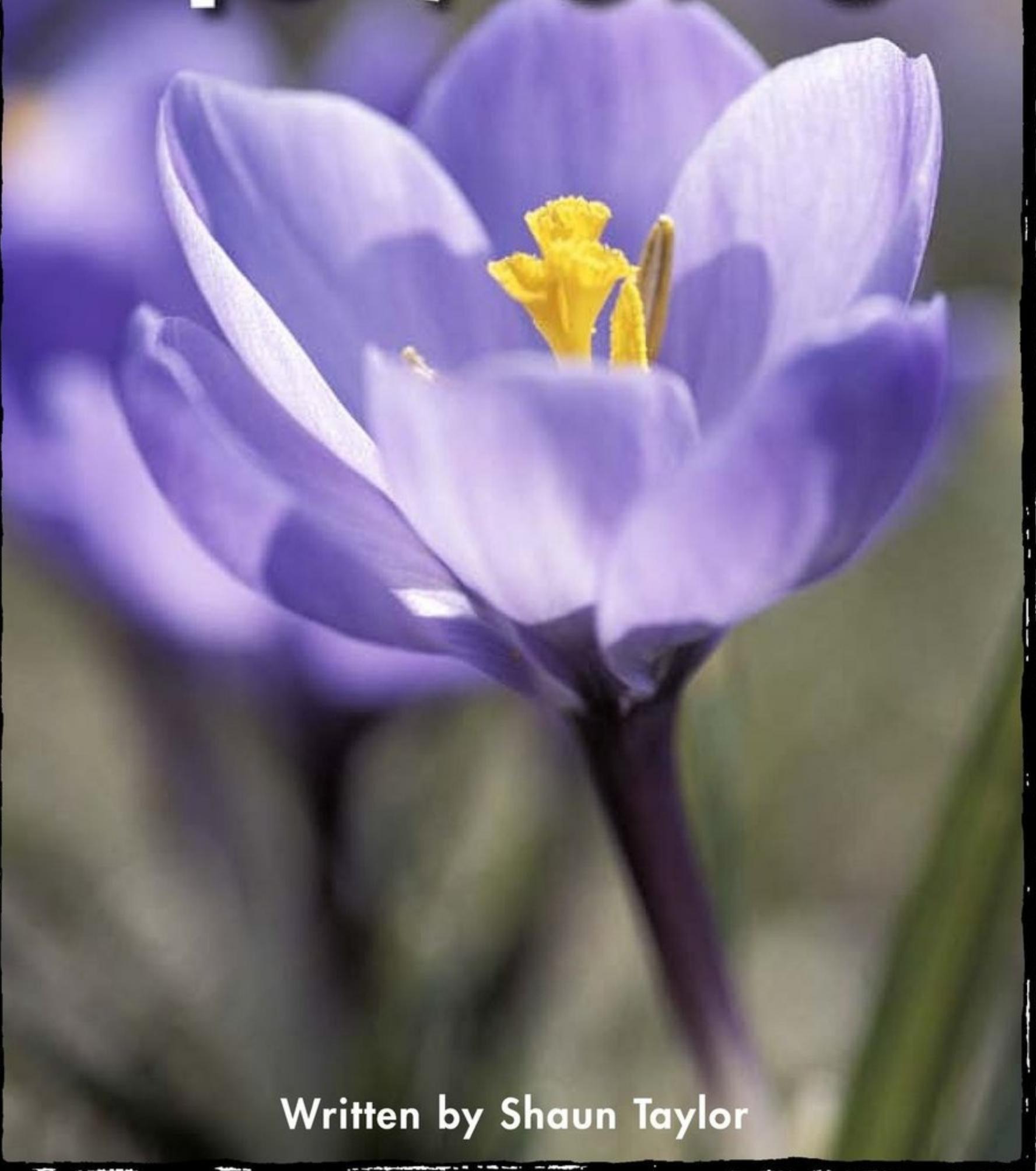


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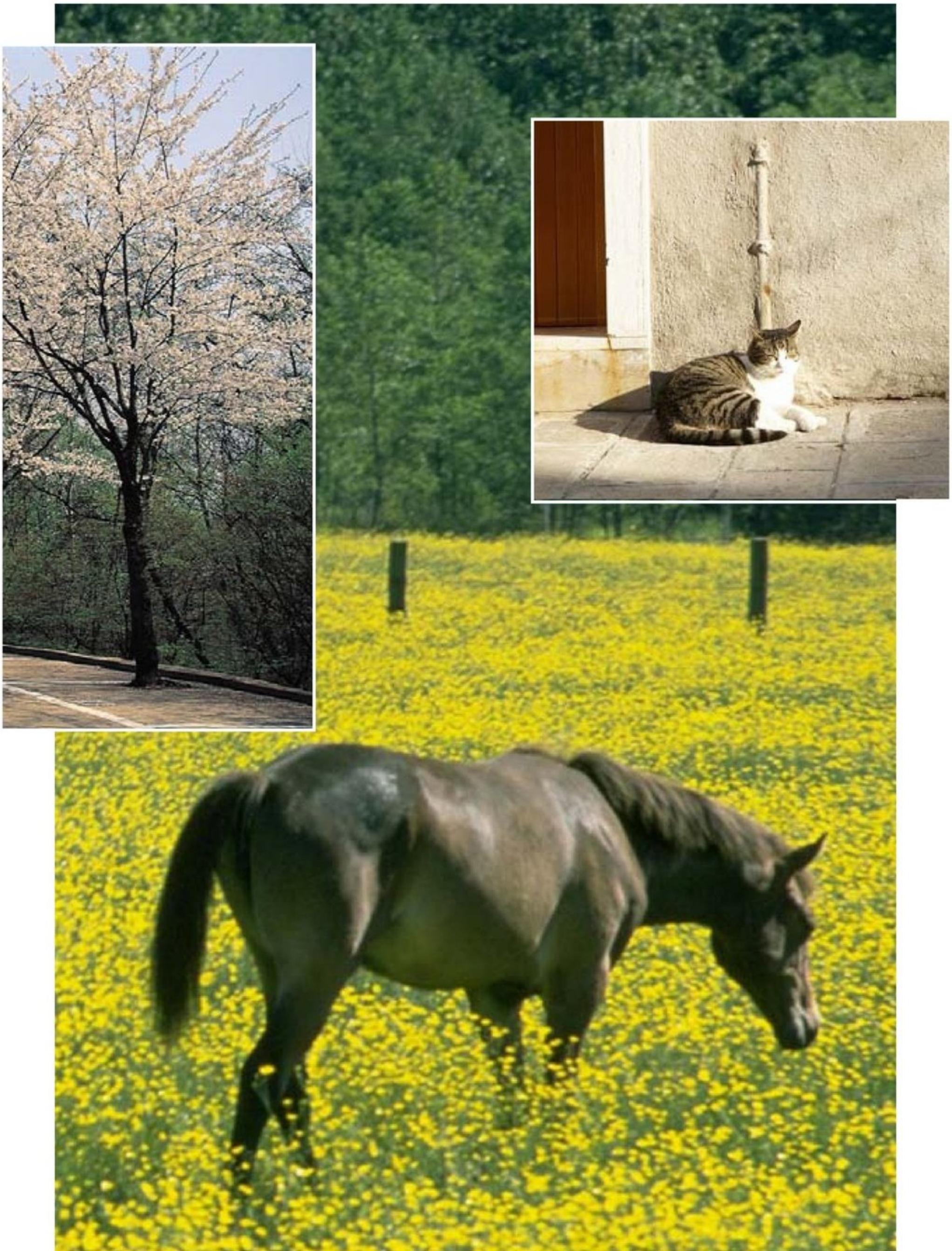
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The Warmer Days of Spring

Remember how the sun feels on the first warm day of spring?
In spring, each day grows longer and warmer.





The plants and animals feel it grow
warmer, too.



The Garden

The flowers send up **shoots**

from round white **bulbs**.

Soon the garden will be filled
with color.





The robins are back at work.
They collect brown grass for a nest.
Soon they will feed **wiggly** worms
to hungry babies.



The Woods

The trees are growing again.

The fat **buds** on a tree grow into
big, flat leaves.

Caterpillars nibble on them.





The cricket comes out from
underground.
It rubs its wings to make the sound
“chirp, chirp.”



The Mountains

In the mountains, snow melts away.
Streams fill with water.





The bear comes out from her
underground den.
She is hungry.



The Meadow

A baby deer drinks its mother's milk.
Soon it will eat soft spring grass.





Gophers kick up piles of brown soil.
They nibble on **dandelion** leaves.



The Pond

It's also warmer at the pond.
The turtles lie on a log in the sun.





A **water lily**'s flat, round leaf
lies on top of the water.

A frog sits on the leaf and makes
a sound, "ribbet, ribbet."
Spring is here.

Glossary

buds (<i>n.</i>)	leaves or flowers that have not yet opened (p. 8)
bulbs (<i>n.</i>)	underground parts of some plants that are used to store food (p. 6)
dandelion (<i>n.</i>)	a common, wild plant with yellow flowers (p. 13)
gophers (<i>n.</i>)	rodents that dig and have large cheek pouches (p. 13)
shoots (<i>n.</i>)	new stems or branches (p. 6)
water lily (<i>n.</i>)	any of a group of water plants whose leaves and flowers float on the water (p. 15)
wiggly (<i>adj.</i>)	moving quickly back and forth (p. 7)



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