

## The Fight of the Year by Roger McGough

And there goes the bell for the third month and  
Winter comes out of his corner looking groggy  
Spring leads with a left to the head  
followed by a sharp right to the body  
daffodils  
primroses  
crocuses  
snowdrops  
lilacs  
violets.

Winter can't take much more punishment and  
Spring shows no signs of tiring  
tadpoles  
squirrels  
baa-lambs  
badgers  
bunny rabbits  
mad march hares  
horse and hounds

Spring is merciless  
Winter won't go the whole twelve rounds  
bobtail clouds  
scallywag winds  
the sun  
the pavement artist  
in every town  
a left to the chin and  
Winter's down!

tomato  
radish  
cucumber  
onion  
beetroot  
celery  
and any  
amount  
of lettuce  
for dinner  
Winter's out for the count  
Spring is the winner!

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