

British Literature Poem answer to the West Wind - by Theresa Dundon

My next poem was an assignment for my British Literature class. One of my favorite poets, Percy Bysshe Shelley, wrote:

“Ode to the West Wind”

Demonstrations, political upheaval and revolution, resulting in eleven people killed and five hundred injured, were the inspiration for his ode. Death and the question of rebirth filled his thoughts. He concludes his ode with the question:

“Oh Wind, If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”

My assignment was to respond to that question in poetry form.

“ Be not sad, my forlorn friend,
for I will wake the earth again;
I'll dress the trees in green once more,
and golden daffodils will paint the floor.
I've heard your words oh poet mine,
Spring, my friend, is never far behind.”