

The
Flower
Carols

Tempus adest floridum

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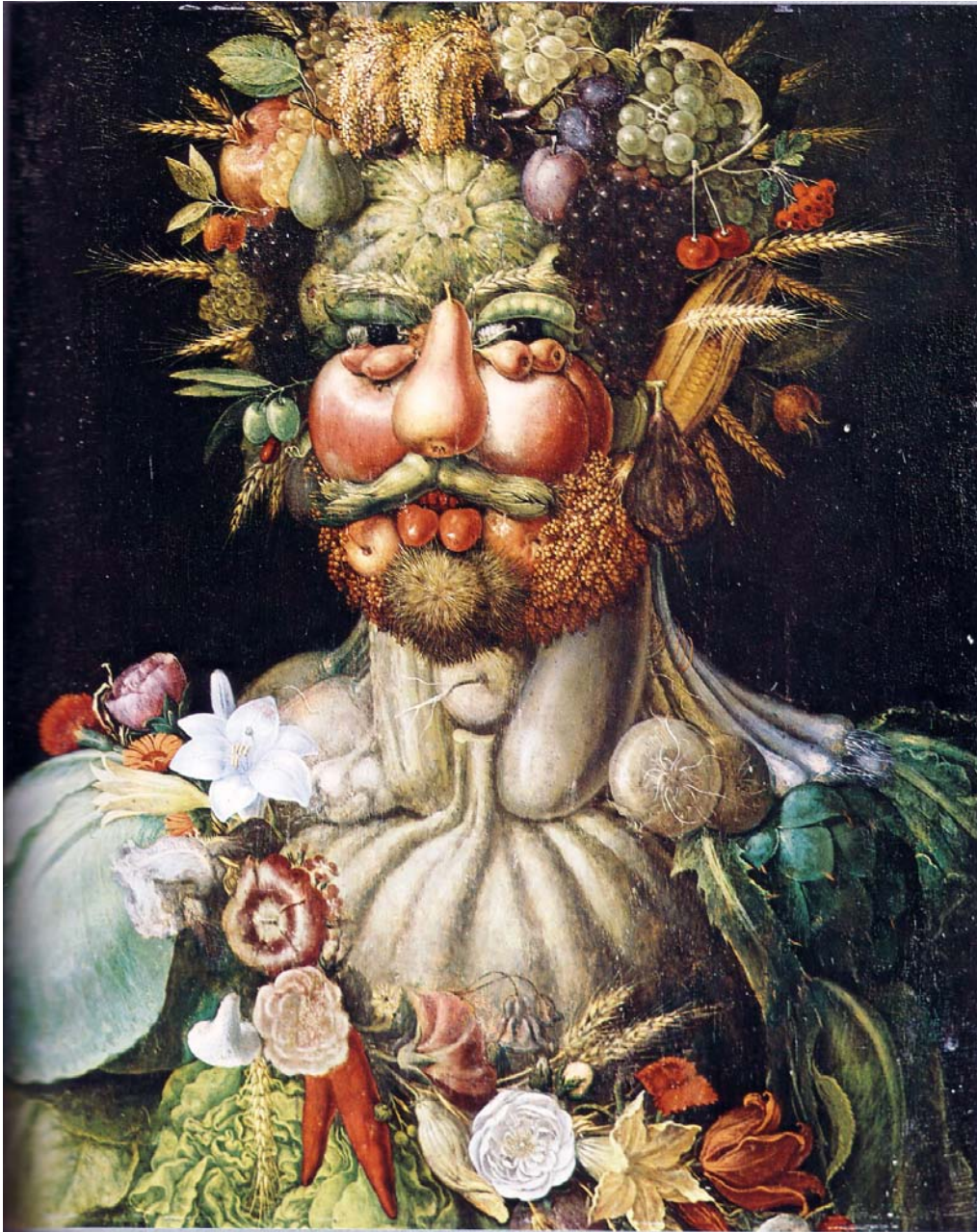
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**Spring has now unwrapped the flowers,
Day is fast reviving
Life in all her growing powers
Towards the light is striving:**



**Gone the iron touch of cold,
Winter time and frost time,
Seedlings, working through the mould,
Now make up for lost time.**



**Herb and plant that, winter long,
Slumbered at their leisure,
Now bestirring, green and strong,
Find in their growth a pleasure:**



**All the world with beauty fills
Gold the green enhancing;
Flowers make glee among the hills,
And set the meadows dancing.**



**Through each wonder of fair days,
God himself expresses;
Beauty follows all His ways,
As the world He blesses:**



**So, as He renews the earth,
Artist without rival,
In His grace of glad new birth,
We must seek revival.**



**Earth puts on her dress of glee;
Flowers and grasses hide her;
We go forth in charity,
Brothers all beside her;**



**For, as man this glory sees,
In the awakening season,
Reason learns the heart's decrees,
And hearts are lead by reason.**

Paintings by Giuseppe Arcimboldo

- Picture 1: "Spring" 1573
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