

Blessings of Spring from WATER



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Children, It's Spring

And this is the lady
whom everyone loves,
Ms. Violet
in her purple gown

or, on special occasions,
a dress the color
of sunlight. She sits
in the mossy weeds and waits

to be noticed.
She loves dampness.
She loves attention. She loves especially

to be picked by careful fingers,
young fingers, entranced
by what has happened
to the world.

We, the older ones,
call it Spring,
and we have been through it
many times.

But there is still nothing
like the children bringing home
such happiness
in their small hands.

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Greetings,

As spring renews Earth, we wish you the wonder of children and the blessing of being "entranced by what has happened to the world."

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Enjoy the flowers,

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- *Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network* : our listserv/meetings with feminists in religion

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- *Seasons Series*: Prayers, rituals, journaling with women with cancer (WATERworks Press)
- *New Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views* edited by Mary E. Hunt and Diann L. Neu (Skylight Paths, 2010)

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