

March Means Springtime

Our Axis is tilted a strategic 22.4 degrees.
This brings a more direct path of sun rays.
Greater hours of sunlight per day,
New life will begin to get underway.
The snow and the ice will melt,
More warmth will gradually be felt.
Migratory birds will head back North,
This means nesting season of their sort.
Striped bass from Chesapeake Bay to other spots.
Andromeda's fish such as shad, salmon, and even trout,
Swim upstream for the purpose of reproducing their kind
about.
Flatfish should soon begin to be
Found in the sound.
Winter flounder they're called
Summer flounder or fluke will appear later on.
Even mammals migrate,
Whales, elk, caribou and polar bears.
Polar bears have a difficult test.
Ice may be gone so must find place to rest,
An ice berg will do,
But that's going to melt too.
Then they must resume swimming,
In hopes it gets North to survive.

Butterflies have migration patterns,
Reproduce their kind without disappearing.
Ground will soften, grass start growing.
Deer and other wildlife who survive winter,
Will have more feed to make up for winter when less to
glean.
Black bears awake from hibernation,
Momma bears already have cubs inside them.
They'll have ferocious appetites for the time they
hibernated.
The tree will bud and start growing leaves,
Everywhere you look you'll find lots more green.
Ground softens farmers plant crops
Continue to ripen until the harvest
After ice [is] out of the Berkshire lakes,
Wachusets, and Quabbin

Lake trout can be caught from shore.
But soon to deep water retreat
To find it had enough Oxygen level
In Autumn lakes that have deep water,
Will again experience a turnover.
Remember lakes freeze from bottom down,
Not the other way around.
Warm water fish need only 10 feet deep water.
[For] Black bass, pickerel, yellow perch,
Sunfish, bullhead 10 feet will do.
Brook trout need cold water also
But not as deep in the lakes.
Brown trout and Rainbow need depth
The season of Autumn another turnover comes.
Water contracts until it reaches 39 degrees,
Then for unknown reasons expands to our delight.
If not for that lakes would freeze from bottom up,
Making life on Earth more difficult.
Deep lakes have a spring turnover,
The top layer will be warm water.
The thermocline cold water and warm water fish may be
found there,
Bottom layer cold water for fish who need oxygen,
And cold-water lake trout most.
Brook trout also not so cold,
Brown and rainbow trout don't need water that deep or
cold.
Largemouth Bass will make their nest,
Fan with their tail to pass its test,
Female will lay her eggs.
Male with his milk impregnates,
Nest is guarded until little bass come out.
The arrival of Spring,
New life begins is lots of things.
The ground turns green,
Cattle and horses start grazing.
Flowers pop up such as,
Crocus, daffodils, tulips,
Forsythia turns yellow,
Rose buds appear,
Spring is here for sure.

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