



# ST. PAUL'S

C of E (VC) Junior School

Promoting, Valuing and Celebrating Achievement in a Christian Setting

5 minutes

## Daffodils

To celebrate the colours of spring

End



Let us light our  
candles













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*I light this candle*

**To remind us that God is with us and that  
Jesus is the light of the World.**

**In the name of the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit.**

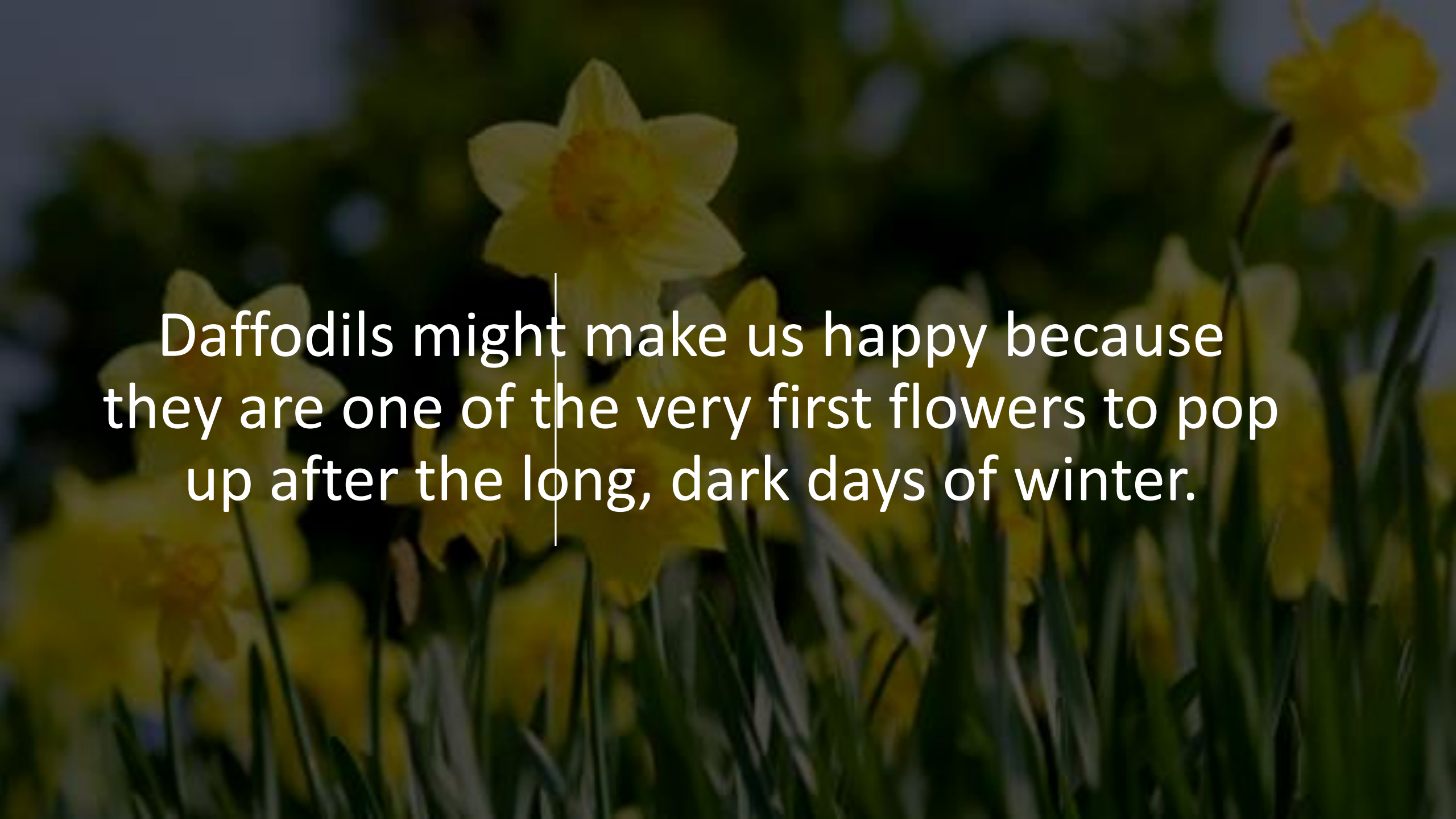
	<p><b>Respect</b></p> <p>To treat someone with honour and consideration.</p> <p><i>Treat others as you want them to treat you.</i> (Matthew 7:12)</p> 
	<p><b>Encourage</b></p> <p>Give support, confidence or hope to someone.</p> <p><i>Encourage one another and build each other up.</i> (1 Thess 5:11)</p> 
	<p><b>Friendship</b></p> <p>Mutual trust and support towards another person.</p> <p><i>A friend will be a friend in times of all kinds.</i> (Proverbs 17:17)</p> 
	<p><b>Love</b></p> <p>Love of your friends, your family and yourself.</p> <p><i>Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these.</i> (Mark 12:31)</p> 
	<p><b>Equality</b></p> <p>Ensuring everyone is treated equally and fairly.</p> <p><i>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.</i> (Galatians 3:28)</p> 
	<p><b>Compassion</b></p> <p>Suffering with someone.</p> <p><i>Go to the yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.</i> (Colossians 3:12)</p> 
	<p><b>Trust</b></p> <p>Firmly believe in the reliability, truth or ability of someone.</p> <p><i>Trust in the Lord your God and he will make your paths straight.</i> (Proverbs 3:5-6)</p> 



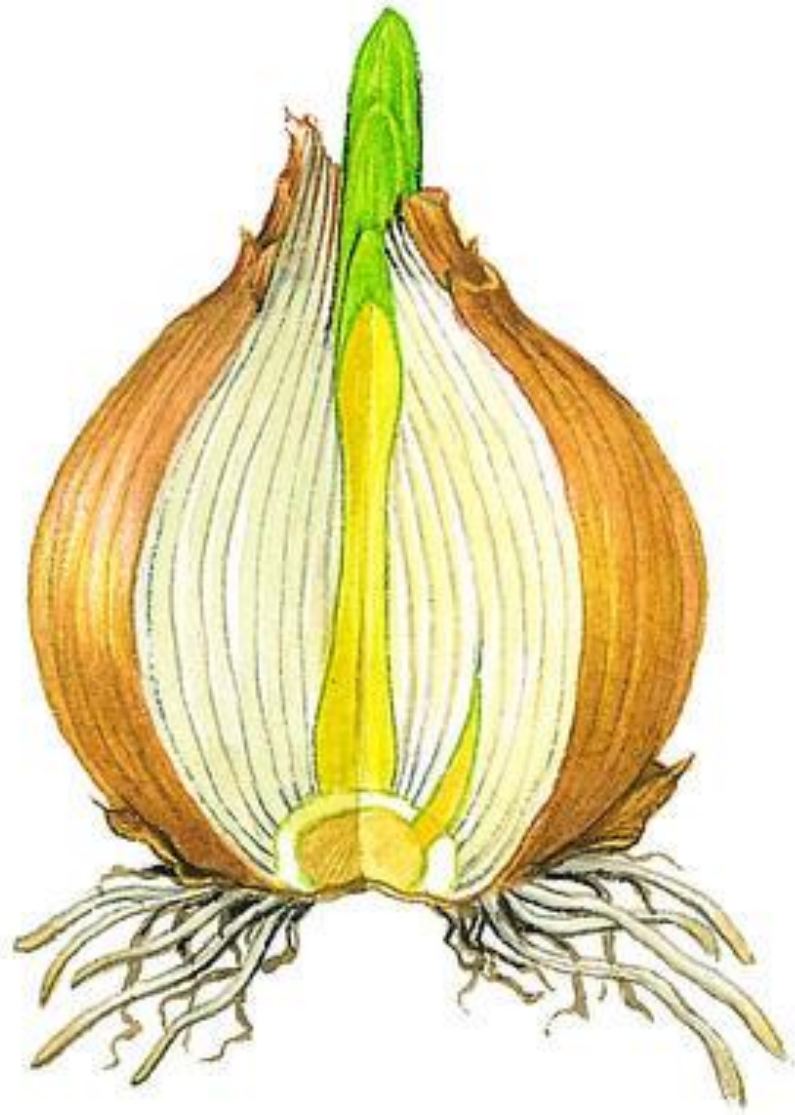


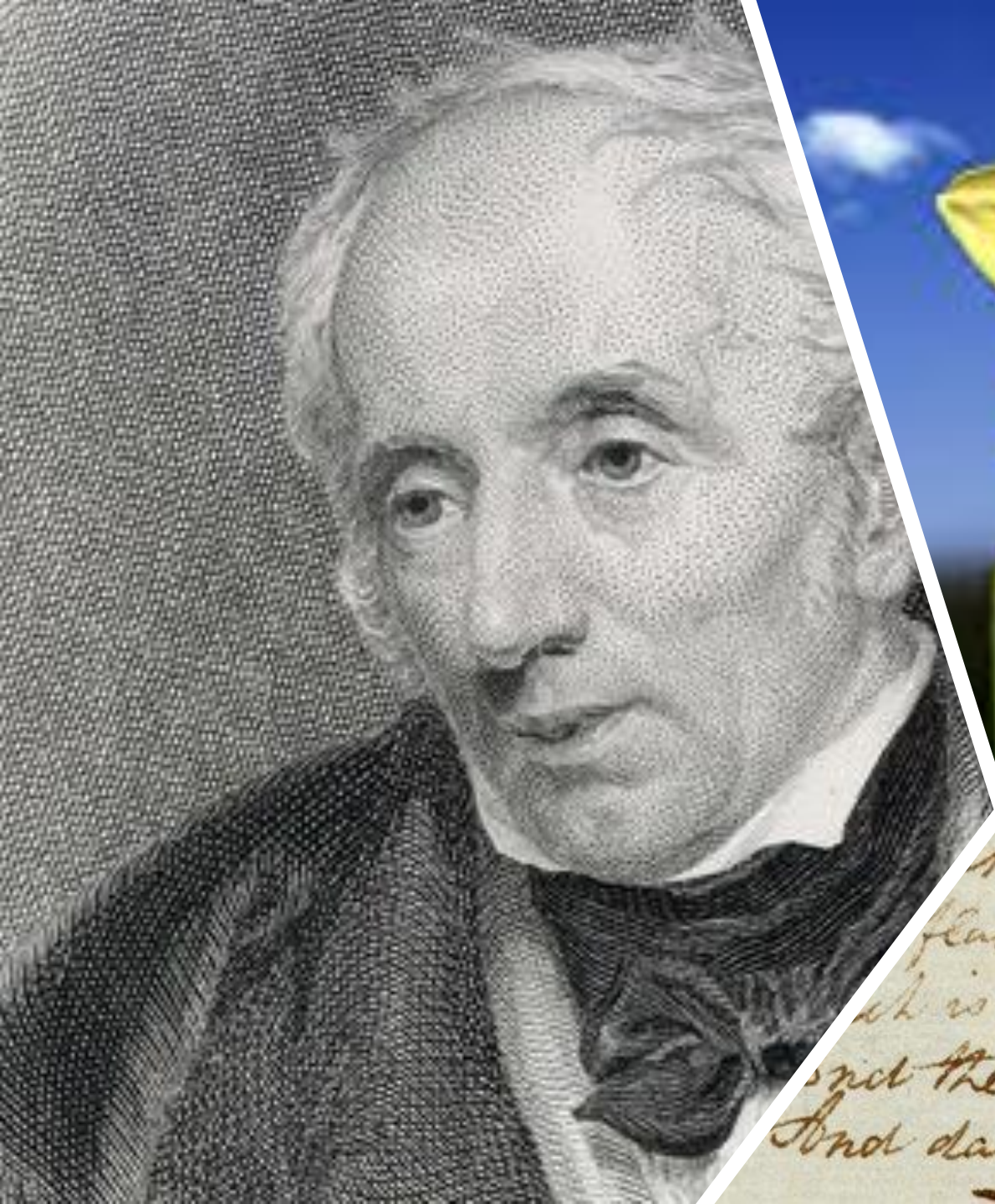
- - What do we know about daffodils?
- What colour are they? Are they always the same colour?
- Do they grow all year round?
- When do they appear?
- How do they make you feel?



A field of yellow daffodils in bloom, with a dark overlay for text.

Daffodils might make us happy because they are one of the very first flowers to pop up after the long, dark days of winter.





the trees  
in the breeze.

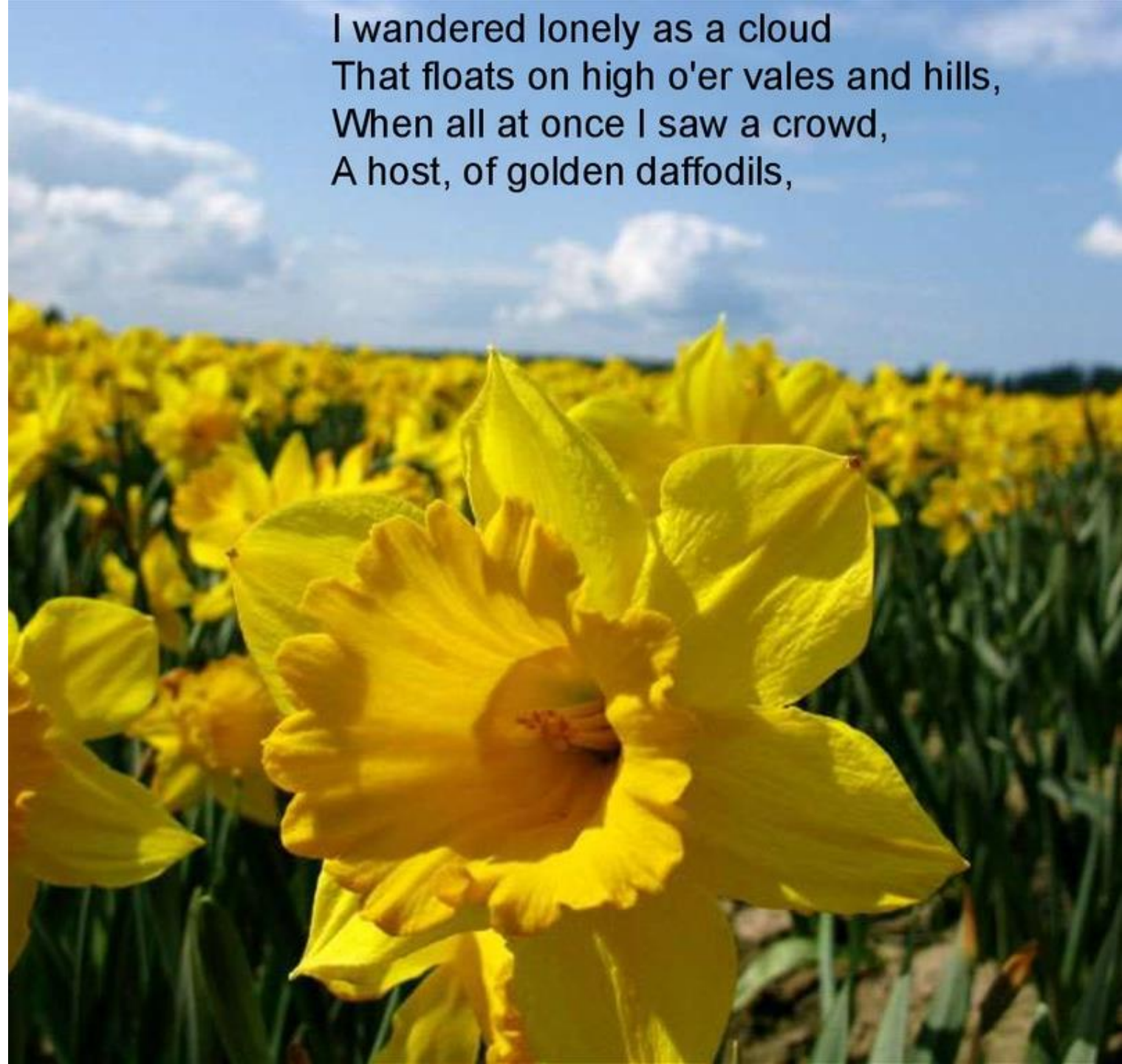
... danced, but they  
ling waves in glee:  
... but be glad  
... being company:  
... but little thought  
... the show to me had brought.

When on my couch I lie  
... or in pensive mood,  
... flash upon that inward eye  
... is the bliss of solitude,  
... and then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the Daffodils.



I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils,

- <https://www.britishlibrary.cn/en/works/i-wandered-lonely-as-a-cloud/>



Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



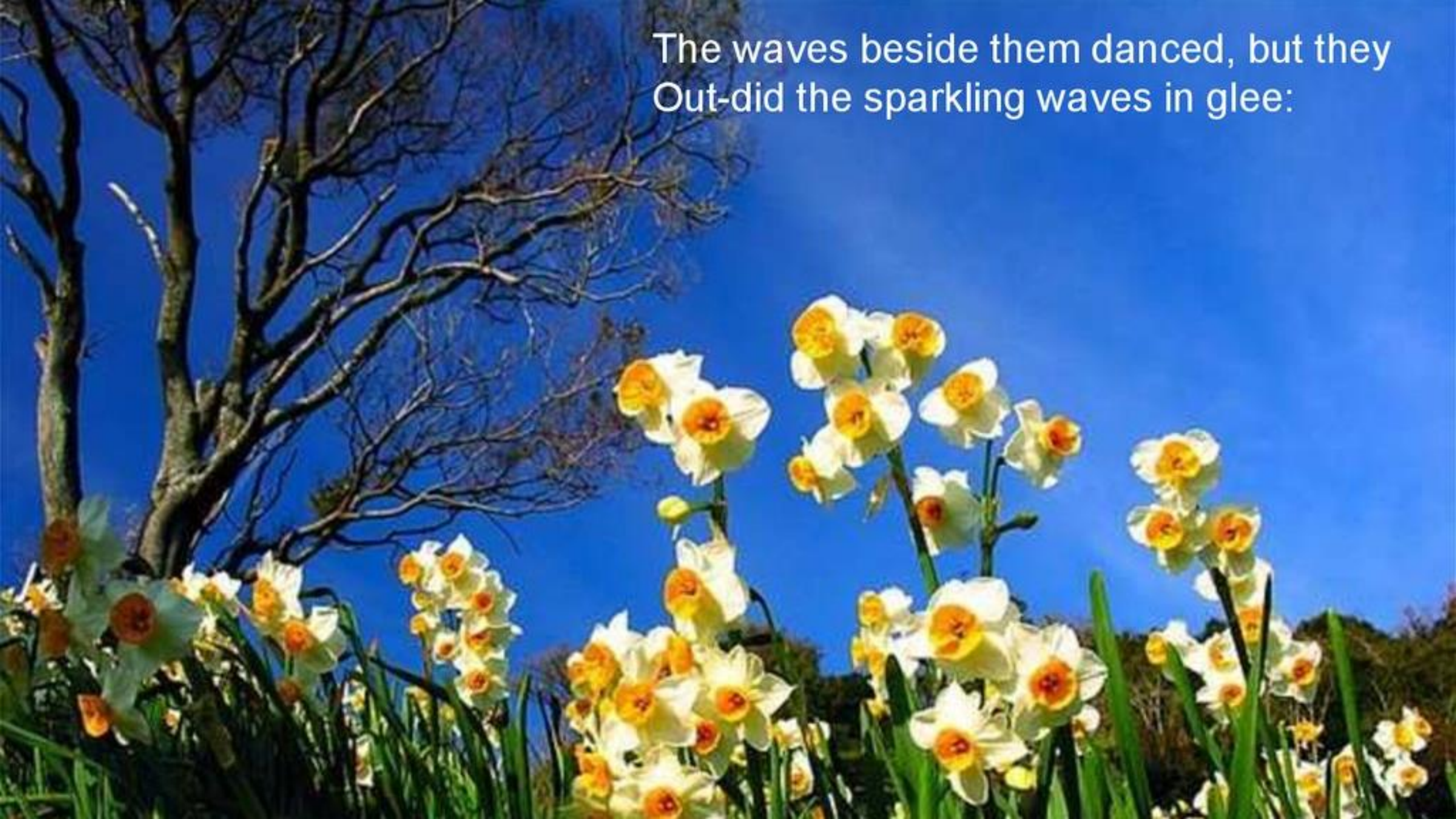
Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:

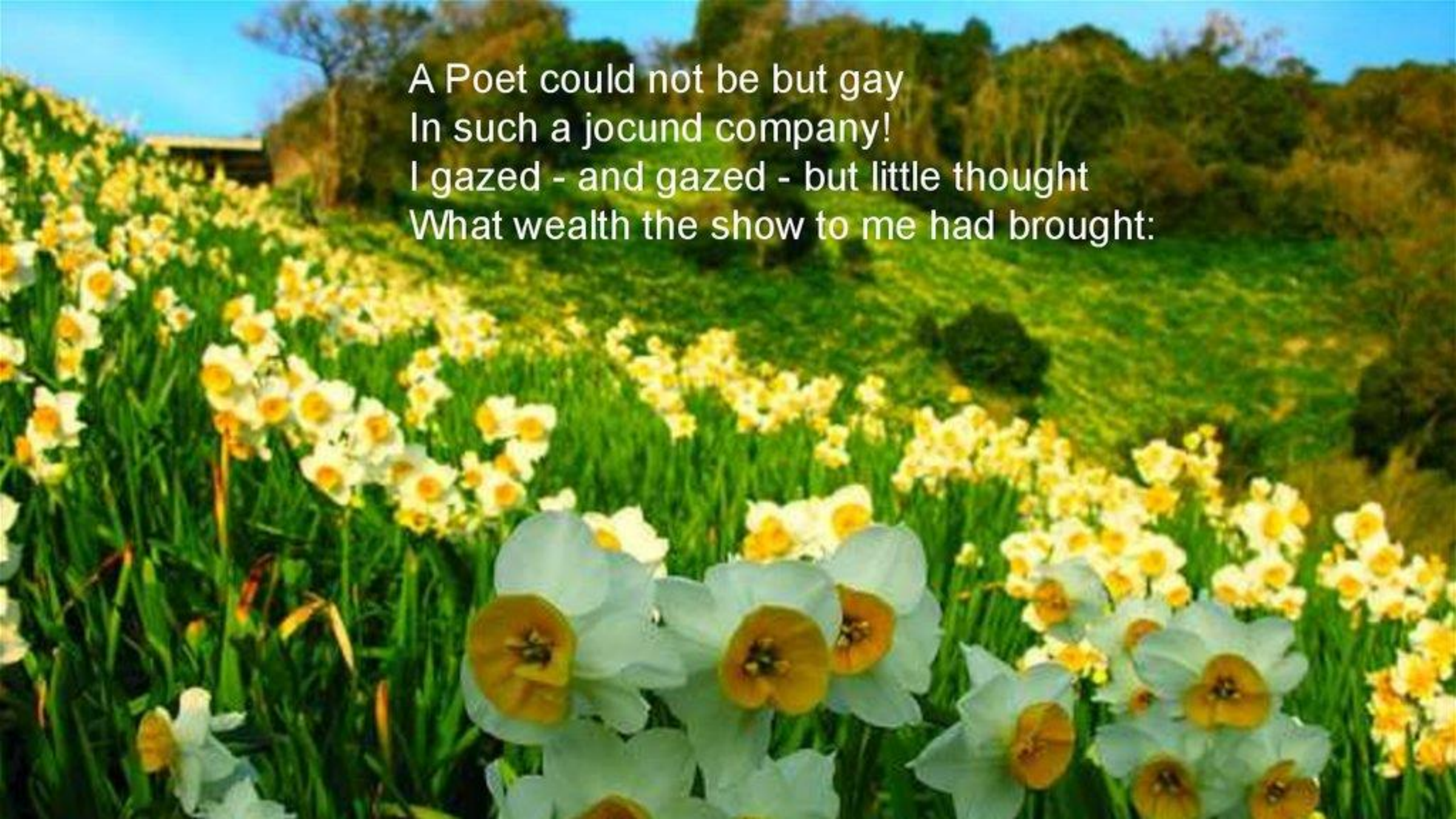


Ten thousand saw I at a glance  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.



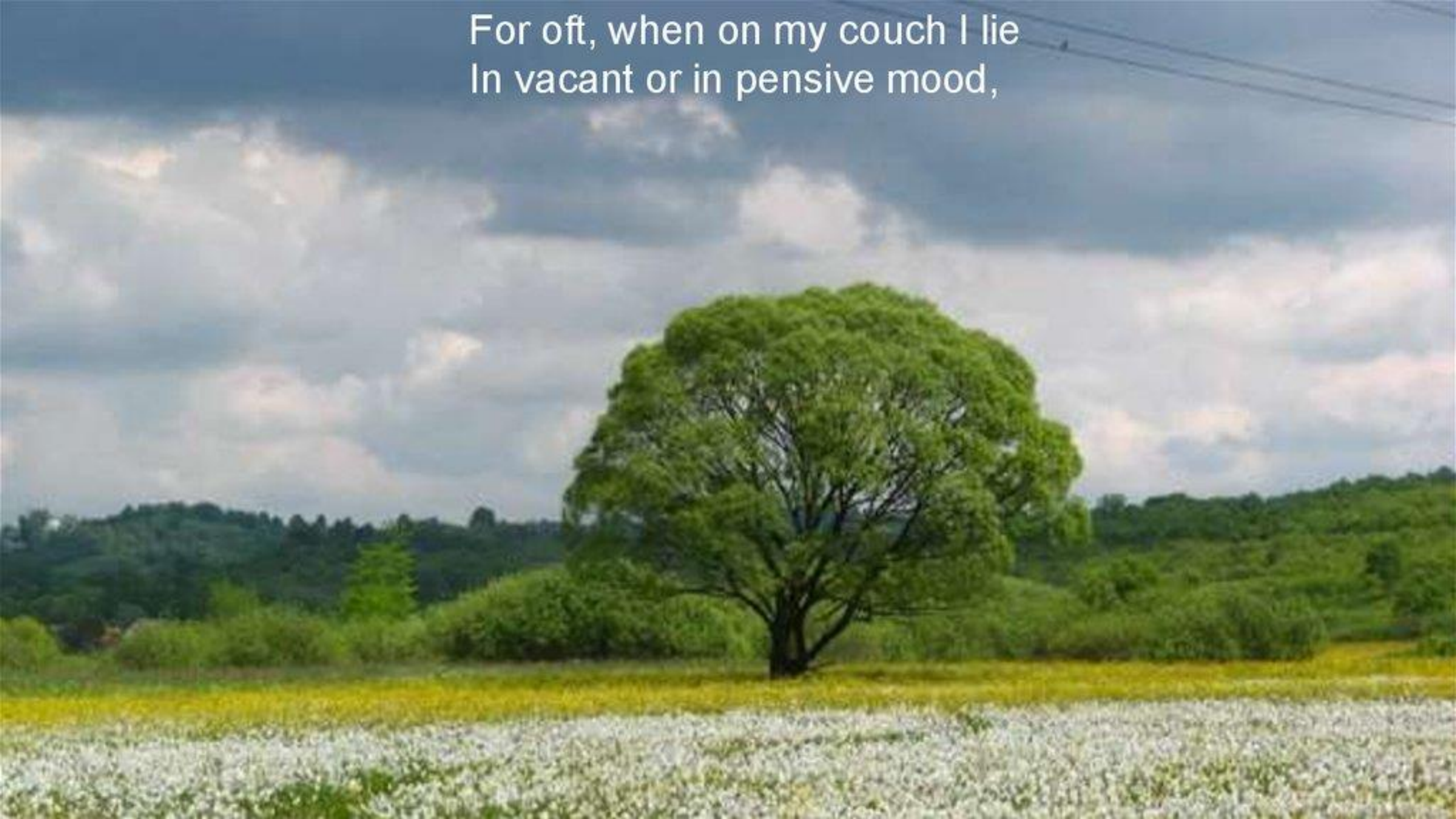
The waves beside them danced, but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:



A vast field of yellow daffodils in bloom under a clear blue sky, with a line of trees in the background.

A Poet could not be but gay  
In such a jocund company!  
I gazed - and gazed - but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

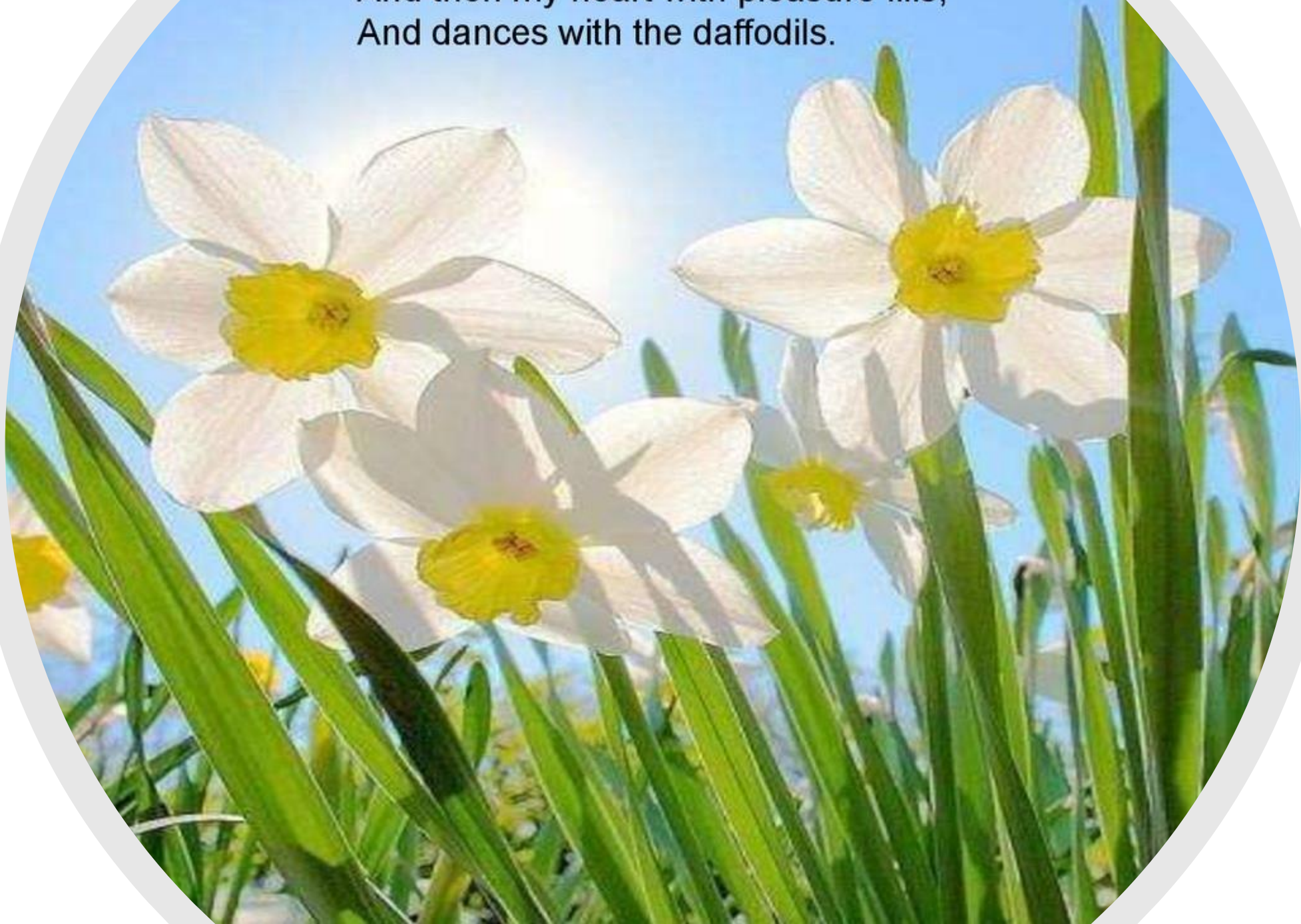
For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,



They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;



And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.





Happy St. David's Day!



*A daffodil alight,  
a new day rejoices in  
the glow of the golden sun.*

*— Komal Gupta*



# Time to REFLECT

Ask the children to close their eyes.

Ask them to imagine the lakeside with its bright daffodils.

Ask the children if it is easier to imagine the scene now that they have listened to the poem.

Point out that in the last verse, the poet tells us that the image of the daffodils comes back often to his mind.

Dear God,  
Thank you that you made  
daffodils to bloom in early  
spring.  
Thank you for their bright  
colour after dark winter days;  
For their cheery fluttering and  
dancing in the breeze;  
For all the places where we  
come across them  
And for the way they make us  
feel.  
**Amen.**



*Turn off your candle(s) as a sign that your time of worship has finished.*