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There Will Come Soft Rains

By Sara Teasdale
1920

Sara Trevor Teasdale (1884-1933) was an American lyric poet born in St. Louis, Missouri. "There Will Come Soft Rains" was published in a collection of poems by Teasdale titled Flame and Shadow. When Teasdale wrote the poem in 1920, the devastation of World War I was fresh in the minds of many American writers. As you read, take notes on the setting of the poem and the poet's use of language.

[1] There will come soft rains and the smell of the
ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering
sound;

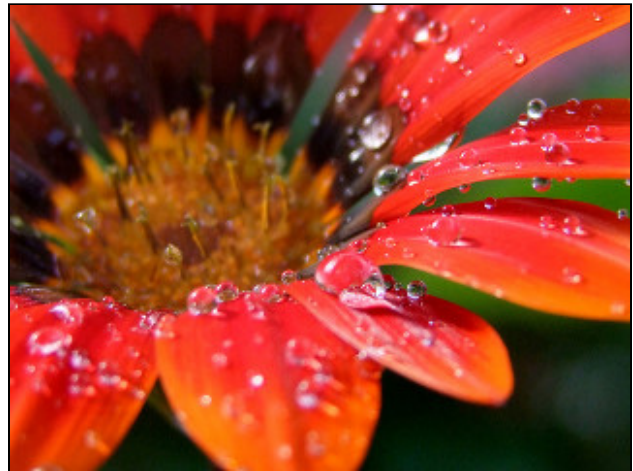
And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild plum trees in tremulous white,

[5] Robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;

And not one will know of the war, not one
Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree
[10] If mankind perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn,
Would scarcely know that we were gone.



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