



The wind's alarm clock rattles spring from her slumber.

Beary-eyed, she gazes at winter's desolation.

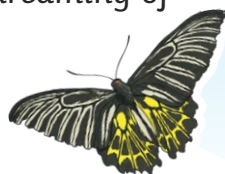
She casts her revitalising gaze upon the trees.

They yawn, stretching their spiny limbs towards the glimpse of gold above.



Spring adorns each branch with delicate blooms of pink and white,

Her hand - as gentle as a mother, dressing a babe, dreaming of their future.



Resplendent in her finery, spring greets her subjects.

A symphony of birds trill, cheep and chitter, heralding her arrival.

Daffodils cheerfully bob to greet her, while shy bluebells blush and bow.

Dozy bumble bees and elegant butterflies gracefully dance and swirl,

Turning pirouettes in celebration before indulging in a nectar feast.

1

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'sleep'.

2

Underline the simile that the author uses to describe spring.

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3

What is suggested about spring in this extract?

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What do you think is the **glimpse of gold above**?

5

Give **two** examples of how the poet shows that the plants and creatures are pleased that spring has arrived.

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