Spring And Fall To A Young Child
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NATALIE MERCHANT - SPRING AND FALL: TO A YOUNG CHILD - Written for Gerald Manley
Hopkins 1880 poem

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C        D
Margaret, are you grieving
G             C                Em
Over golden grove unleaving?   By and by
C                  D
Leaves, like the things of man, you
G                          C                 Em
With your fresh thoughts care for, can you?
C            D
Ah! as the heart grows older
G                      C
It will come to such sights colder
Em               D            C
By and by, nor spare a sigh, by and by
C                  D                G
Though worlds of wanwood leafmeal  lie;
                   C            Em
And yet you will weep and know why.
         D
Now no matter, child, the name:
   C                                                  Em
Sorrows  springs are all the same.  They re all the same.
C               D               G
Nor mouth had, no nor mind, expressed
             C                Em
What heart heard of, ghost guessed:
C                 D
It is the blight man was born for,
G               C                   Em
It is Margaret  that you mourn for.
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