

FOUR SEASONS OR HUMAN  
SEASONS  
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# ABOUT THE POET

**JOHN KEATS**  
(1795-1821)



- John Keats is an English Romantic poet. He was one of the main influential figures of the second generation of Romantic poet who blossomed dearly and died young.
- He is best known as 'bright star'.
- Many attacked him for self-indulgence and indelicate sentimentalities but he was no doubt greatest poet of all time.
- He has overcome all the torments of life and resigned to the contemplation of beauty without any disturbing thoughts.
- Keats died at the age of twenty-five and it is amazing that he was able to produce many kinds of reflective works so young .

# FEATURES OF KEATS' POETRY

- Wilson Knight - When one reads his poem, one tends “to touch, to smell, to taste, to feel the living warmth of one object after another”
- HELLENISM
- SENSUOUSNESS
- VERBAL MAGIC
- AUDITORY SENSATION
- RICH IMAGERY
- BEAUTY OF SIGHT AND SOUND
- BEAUTY IS TRUTH, TRUTH BEAUTY
- NEGATIVE CAPABILITY, ‘The ability to effortlessly and intuitively identify oneself with the object under study’

## ABOUT THE POEM

- Written in 1818
- Four seasons- four stages of human life
- It is a sonnet
- Four stanzas
- 3 quatrains, a couplet
- Iambic pentameter
- Abab, cdcd, efef, gg
- Life, death, love

# TITLE

The title itself makes a person think of the four regular seasons-spring, summer, autumn and winter but it could possibly eluding to the four stages of human life-birth, childhood, adulthood and death.

# SUBJECT MATTER

- This poem represents the different stages of life rendered as the four seasons of the year. Instead of describing the physical nature of these stages however, they are the seasons present in the mind of man. For every season of life man has a different outlook.- Bhabatosh Chatterjee
- ❑ SPRING-BIRTH/CHILDHOOD/YOUTH
- ❑ SUMMER- ADULTHOOD
- ❑ AUTUMN- MIDDLE AGE
- ❑ WINTER- OLD AGE/DYING AGE

# TEXT

Four Seasons fill the measure of the year;

There are four seasons in the mind of man:

He has his lusty Spring, when fancy clear

Takes in all beauty with an easy span:

He has his Summer, when luxuriously

Spring's honied cud of youthful thought he loves

To ruminate, and by such dreaming high

Is nearest unto heaven: quiet coves

His soul has in its Autumn, when his wings

He furleth close; contented so to look

On mists in idleness—to let fair things

Pass by unheeded as a threshold brook.

He has his Winter too of pale misfeature,

Or else he would forego his mortal nature.



# PARAPHRASE

There are four seasons in the year and four psychological seasons according to man.

There is spring when everything is good, easy and beautiful.

Next comes summer, just when you think that you are in love with spring and summer is like heaven.

Then comes fall and its where your soul takes flight.

There is winter , a cold chilling season but necessary to balance things out, without it, it would not be the same and neither would we.

# INNER MEANING

Life, like the four seasons has different phases that are all important and necessary for life to exist. The seasons are representation of the four stages of life and how we re-act to everything during the set period of time period.

Spring- 'lust' and everything is easy and beautiful.

Summer- becomes youthful and dreams of the future.

Fall- our souls take flight , means we are content with life and who we are and how thing are.

Winter- we show our mortality and have misfortunes.

If it weren't the way they were, we could forego our mortal nature.

THANKS