March Thaw

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Club dance last week. It had been perfectly disgusting, to Julie's notion, the way the girls had been acting . . . as if he were the Duke of Windsor! Still . . . he was good-looking . . . and he did go to Dartmouth . . .

Five minutes later a different Julie came down stairs. Instead of slacks and dirty saddle shoes, this one wore her favorite cotton frock and neat spectator pumps. She glanced in the hall mirror to check on hair and make-up . . . satisfied, she went to the basement door and whistled. Her answer was the quick scramble of four padded feet and a loving whine.

"Goldie is a nice, sweet puppy" cooed Julie, as she petted the gold and white spaniel. "And she has the nastiest habit of running away," she added, standing at the back door watching the unleashed Goldie scamper off into the night.

Julie went to the telephone and dialed a number.

"Hello . . . is Mrs. Woodrow there?" (She'd seen the Woodrows leave before dinner) . . . "Oh . . . yes . . . how are you Dick? . . . this is Julie Mason . . . no, there's no message . . . it's just that Goldie's run away". (Her voice was weak with helplessness.) "I thought maybe she'd run over that way . . . Oh, no, Dick, I wouldn't think of having you do that . . . Really I wouldn't . . . Yes . . . I suppose it would be easier in a car . . . if you're sure it's not too much trouble . . . That's just wonderful of you, Dick . . . I'll be right here . . . Bye."

Smiling to herself, Julie hung up. She heard the car across the street start up and swing into the drive. Triumphantly, Julie walked out of the door, a warrior, with new fields to conquer.

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The last snow is slipping,
And the furrows, black and crumbling,
Lie restless.
The mild breeze
Stirs the wet leaves,
And twigs with tiny buds move languidly
In the lazy sunlight.

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