

# BEAUTIFULLY SEASONED

Wintry weather holds its breath and waits for January to swallow Christmas before it sneaks in, circling overhead to spy on the last fragile roses clinging to their thorns. Softer than ice, it whitewashes the woods and lanes with snowdrops. In night's deep darkness, stars seem to shine more brightly; the only sound, a hungry owl.

As snowdrops fade, returning to the earth to sleep the summer through, the majestic Overbecks magnolia decorates the sky with pink against the endless blue. Still as heron or egret, the tree stands, patient sentinel above the harbour where tides of sparkling water flow over golden sands.

Summer's light lasts longer into night as green fields turn to gold and gentle peace descends on those who seek and find refreshment here along our coast and in our hills. Could it be strange magic or a mere coincidence, that glow worms now illuminate the darkness on the banks along the lane where primroses were blooming in the spring?

Down on the rocks, the seals are soaking up the last soft rays of autumn sunshine, sounding like a village choir singing out of tune; while a pair of ospreys fleeing Scotland's chill and drawn by sunny dreams of Africa, pause to fish our waters, gather strength for their long journey home – like all the other visitors we welcome to our shore, who leave as nights draw in, but return year after year.

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