

The four seasons Summer



QUIZ

- 1 In which country is John Mortimer's 1988 novel *Summer's Lease* set?
- 2 In which play do Philostrate and Peaseblossom appear?
- 3 To which Neapolitan song are the words of 'Just one Cornetto' set?
- 4 Which crime-busting group celebrates a 75th anniversary in 2017?
- 5 Which Cotswold village did the author of *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning* leave?



1 Italy; 2 Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; 3 O Sole Mio (Capurro); 4 The Famous Five; 5 Slad



'Summer afternoon—
to me, those have always
been the most beautiful
words in the English
language'
Henry James

What
they
write



'Summer bachelors
like summer breezes,
are never as cool as
they pretend to be'
Nova Ephron

'Summer's lease hath
all too short a date'
Shakespeare in Sonnet 18

'If it could be like this
always—always summer,
always alone, the fruit
always ripe and Aloysius
in a good temper'
Evelyn Waugh in 'Brideshead Revisited'

'Green was the silence,
wet was the light, the
month of June trembled
like a butterfly'
Pablo Neruda in '100 Love Sonnets'



Eat Summer pudding

Sunshine on a plate, leaking with the juice of the plumpest, ripest summer fruits



Listen to...

Flight of the Bumblebee (Rimsky-Korsakov, 1899)
Insect becomes increasingly furious and piece becomes fiendishly difficult

Sea Pictures (Elgar, 1899)
Clara Butt performed the first rendering, dressed as a mermaid

Sunny Afternoon (The Kinks, 1966)
Bankrupt forgets worries with an ice-cold beer

Good Vibrations (Beach Boys, 1966)
Boy gets thrummingly optimistic vibes about girl

The Lark Ascending (Vaughan Williams, 1914)
A sight and sound worth fighting for



Skywatch

July is a busy month for stargazers: watch out for shooting stars from the Ophiuchid meteor shower from May 19; the Perseid meteor shower is expected to light up the night sky on July 23–August 20 and the Capricornid, Alpha–Cygnid, Delta–Aquadrid and Piscis Australis meteor showers all offer opportunities, too

Read



Three Men in a Boat (Jerome K. Jerome, 1889) Hypochondriacs take to the Thames
Five Go Off To Camp (Enid Blyton, 1948) Another smashing adventure
The Go-Between (L. P. Hartley, 1953) A young boy learns a lot during a sultry summer holiday
Cider with Rosie (Laurie Lee, 1959) Alcohol aids seduction in the Cotswolds
An Ice-Cream War (William Boyd, 1982) Two brothers come to a sticky end

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