

Chicken or Egg?

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

It's autumn now,
the earth is feeling sleepy.
Fruit falls soft from the tree,
planting its seeds in the damp soil
covered by yellow-brown leaves
rotting back to earth.

Yes, but which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Soon it will be winter,
earth will rest
as frost breaks down the soil.
Seeds break down
as from their hard shell
begins the first stirring of life.

Are you trying to avoid the question—which came first, the chicken or the egg?

Spring brings green relief
from the grey of winter
as shoots of recovery push up from the ground
and leaves unfurl their cheerful umbrellas
to protect the earth
from spring's reviving showers

What's this got to do with chickens and eggs?

Then summer will explode
with colour and light
fruit hanging heavy on branches
over the heads of joyful children
playing late as the sun
refuses to sleep.

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven

Both chicken and egg have their time and place in God's creation!

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