

Seasons of Seeds



Seeds strewn on eager soil

*seem to die into dust
dissipate into air
over the meadows.*

*Seeds burst open
creeping green stems
stretch advancing out
covering the ground.*

*Time passes:
stems form stalks,
they sway in the breeze,
rainfall, and sunshine.*

*Time passes:
countless colours,
emerge as green carpet
covering the meadows.*

*Buds burst into flower,
grounded in roots,
fragile yet firm holding
they dance in the wind.*

*Meadow mown hay
In verdant swathes
lie in snaking wispy lines
new seeds will germinate
harboured until Spring.*

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Late April-early May: for green-winged orchids (pictured) and cowslips

Late May-mid June: for meadow buttercups, yellow rattle, red clover, sorrel and oxeye daisy

Late June & early July: for greater burnet, pepper saxifrage, wood cranesbill, bird's-foot trefoil, dropwort and many other species

2nd – 3rd week July: for the “purple” phase of common knapweed, also ladies bedstraw and meadowsweet, sneezewort and devil's-bit scabious