

Una hirundo non facit ver.¹

Literature 3

Spring and Brutus and his Sons



1 Greece

Read: “A Story of the Springtime” You will find it on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 3, Classics, “Legends of Greece and Rome” by G. H. Kupfer, no. 4. In this story you will meet Persephone (Proserpine, Περσεφόνη), Ceres, (Demeter, Δημήτηρ) and the god of the underworld, Pluto (Hades, Ἅιδης). This is a pretty story that everyone should know but as an explanation for the seasons I don't think it stands up to scrutiny, do you? This article: <https://creation.com/created-to-be-inhabited> is helpful in understanding why we have seasons.

2 Rome

Read “Brutus and his Sons.” You will find it on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 4, “Stories from the History of Rome” no.3. Again, not a very cheerful tale but one that drives home the stern ideas of parental duty that the Romans considered admirable.

¹ One swallow does not make spring.