

That Plant Fucker



March 2021

Fill-in-the-Blank Poem

Blue, ADJECTIVE Equinox

February's winter is but a

NOUN

Rebirth of

NOUN USED AS AN ADJECTIVE

How can

NOUN USED AS A VERB conquer

What gods need a

TRITE ADJECTIVE

late winter

ACTION NOUN

To

LAZY VERB

us from death

Pay the

GOD-LIKE NOUN

Bad Poem

She didn't say she was a witch, but I think she might have been a witch.

The musty book from Big Bob's Bargain Bookshop said the juice of primrose flowers "cleansed the skin and took away wrinkles." It had to be an improvement over sheep's placenta and vampire facials, both of which were draining my bank account.

But where would I get enough flowers to press into juice? Enter the witch, or the not witch.

"Do the primrose flowers work?" I asked, needing to hear a yes.

"My formula guarantees results," the not-witch replied.

"How much?" I asked, ready to buy.

"\$177.95 plus tax, cash only," she answered, her hand waiting for payment.

I can report that it did remove my wrinkles. It's 1992; I'm trapped inside my 15-year-old self. My mother is driving me to high school.

Primrose Curd

Two generous handfuls of unsprayed clean primrose petals.

450grms sugar

450grms Bramley apple

125grms unsalted butter


4-5 large eggs

The zest and juice of two lemons.


- Day One Finely chop the primrose petals and place them with the sugar in a container and stir through the primrose flowers. Cover and leave for at least 24 hours.
- Day Two Peel and chop 450grms of apples, put them in a pan with 100ml of water and the lemon zest and juice.
- On the hob, gently cook the apple until it is yielding soft and then mash it into a purée.
- One third fill a pan with water and place a snug-fitting heat-proof bowl on the top of the pan.
- Add the apple, butter, lemon juice and primrose sugar mixture to the bowl. Heat the pan and stir the mixture until the butter has completely melted.
- Turn off the heat and add the eggs to the mixture through a sieve. Stir the eggs in thoroughly with a balloon whisk.
- Put the pan back on a gentle heat and stir the mixture for about 10 minutes until it thickens. (It will thicken further as it cools).
- Pour the curd into sterilized jars, seal immediately and store in the fridge where it will keep for up to a month.

Language of Flowers

Email too on the nose? Send someone a message with flowers.



Primrose, lilac -
youth, hope



Primrose, red -
unrequited merit

Primrose, sulfur -
early love



Rant

March is the real start of
a new year.

January has its busyness.

February is still winter.

March is when the world
changes into a new season.

What if a 'new year' happens
each time the season changes.

Symbolic renewal could
manifest multiple times
throughout the year.

We could have 'season's resolutions.'

Then we would have four
opportunities a year to quickly
make and abandon plans for
improvement.

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