

READER 1: Spring had arrived and the weather was beautiful. The animals loved the feel of the warm sun. Gerald Grasshopper loved the spring, and he sang a little song as he danced.

2/GRASSHOPPER: I am happy, hear me sing.
Hear me sing, hear me sing.
I am happy, hear me sing.
I like to sing in spring.

READER 3: Grasshopper liked to sing, but he did not like to work. Gerald Grasshopper danced and sang and had a very good time.

READER 4: Now, Gerald Grasshopper was a popular fellow with the animals. He never seemed to worry about anything. He had lots of friends, but his friends were often busy.

2/GRASSHOPPER: Annabelle Ant, why are you lugging that big bread crumb on your back? Put it down and come dance with me. The flowers are blooming and the birds are singing. Come dance with me.

READER 1: Annabelle Ant smiled at Gerald Grasshopper, but she didn't put down the bread crumb.

5/ANNABELLE: I'm collecting food for winter. The nice weather doesn't last forever. We must be prepared. You should gather some food for yourself.

2/GRASSHOPPER: Nice weather doesn't last forever. That is why we should dance and sing. I'll worry about food for bad weather when we have bad weather.

- READER 3:** Gerald Grasshopper danced through the fields and sang his song of spring.
- 2/GRASSHOPPER:** I am happy, hear me sing.
Hear me sing, hear me sing.
I am happy, hear me sing.
I like to sing in spring.
- READER 4:** Annabelle Ant and her friends, Arlene and Adrian, watched as Gerald Grasshopper danced.
- 5/ANNABELLE:** Arlene, I'm afraid Gerald will be sorry when cold weather comes. He won't have any food.
- 6/ARLENE:** Oh, Annabelle! Work, work, work. I want to play. I want to go dance and sing with Gerald. Want to join me Adrian?
- 7/ADRIAN:** We can dance tonight, after we have gathered our allotment of food for today.
- 5/ANNABELLE:** We can play games in the winter when we are snug and warm in our home.
- 6/ARLENE:** I'd rather play right now.
- READER 4:** The ants looked at Gerald wistfully, and then continued their work. They walked slowly to their home, each carrying a morsel of food.