The pond Sam had discovered on _______________ spring morning was seldom visited by _______________ human being. All winter, snow had _______________ the ice; the pond lay cold _______________ still under its white blanket. Most _______________ the time there wasn’t a sound to _______________ heard. The frog was asleep. The _______________ was asleep. Occasionally a jay would _______________ out. And _______________ sometimes at night the _______________ would bark. Winter seemed to last _______________ under _______________ breath _______________ forever

But one day a change came _______________ the woods and the pond. Warm _______________ , soft and kind, blew through the _______________. The ice, which had _______________ , began to melt. Patches of _______________ water appeared. All the creatures that _______________ in the pond and in the _______________ lived _______________ . There was a good, new _______________ , and stirred with new life and _______________. There was a good, new _______________ as _______________ and _______________. There was a good, new _______________ smell _______________ the air, a smell of air, _______________ smell of earth waking after _______________ with _______________ those _______________ old _______________ sleep. The frog, buried in the _______________ at the bottom of the _______________ pond, _______________ that spring was here. The chickadee _______________ and was _______________ delighted (almost everything delights _______________ chickadee). The vixen dozing in her _______________ , knew she would have kits. Every _______________ knew that a better, _______________ easier time _______________ at hand –warmer days, plesanter nights. _______________ done ear was _______________ Smokes In Trees

were putting out green buds; the _____________ were swelling. Birds were arriving from the _____________ south. A pair of ducks flew _____________ . The red-winged blackbird arrived and _____________ the pond for nesting sites. The donkey _____________ as it hunt in the an " _____________ and grew _____________ scouted