

## Violette

### Early Easter Celebration

Gather family, say  
let's dine, talk, laugh and play  
celebrate holiday  
of spring's greening.

Hide empty Easter eggs  
filled with coins and shake legs  
spring calls and blooming begs  
us to gleaning.

Toast to warmth and the good  
with our favorite food,  
toward being understood  
we are leaning

So come happy and share  
Open baskets aware  
contents chosen with care—  
no hat preening.

Let's relax— enjoy spring,  
birthday best-wishes bring  
let no working thought cling—  
no cleaning.

Time to greet family  
meet with no homily  
with hospitality  
all convening

**Violette:** Introduced by Viola Gardner

Written in any number of quatrains.  
Syllabic count: 6-6-6-4  
Rhymed: aaab, cccb, dddb, eeeb, fffb, gggb, etc.  
Last line of each stanza rhymes.