

The Daffodils

*by William
Wordsworth*



I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils,



Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:

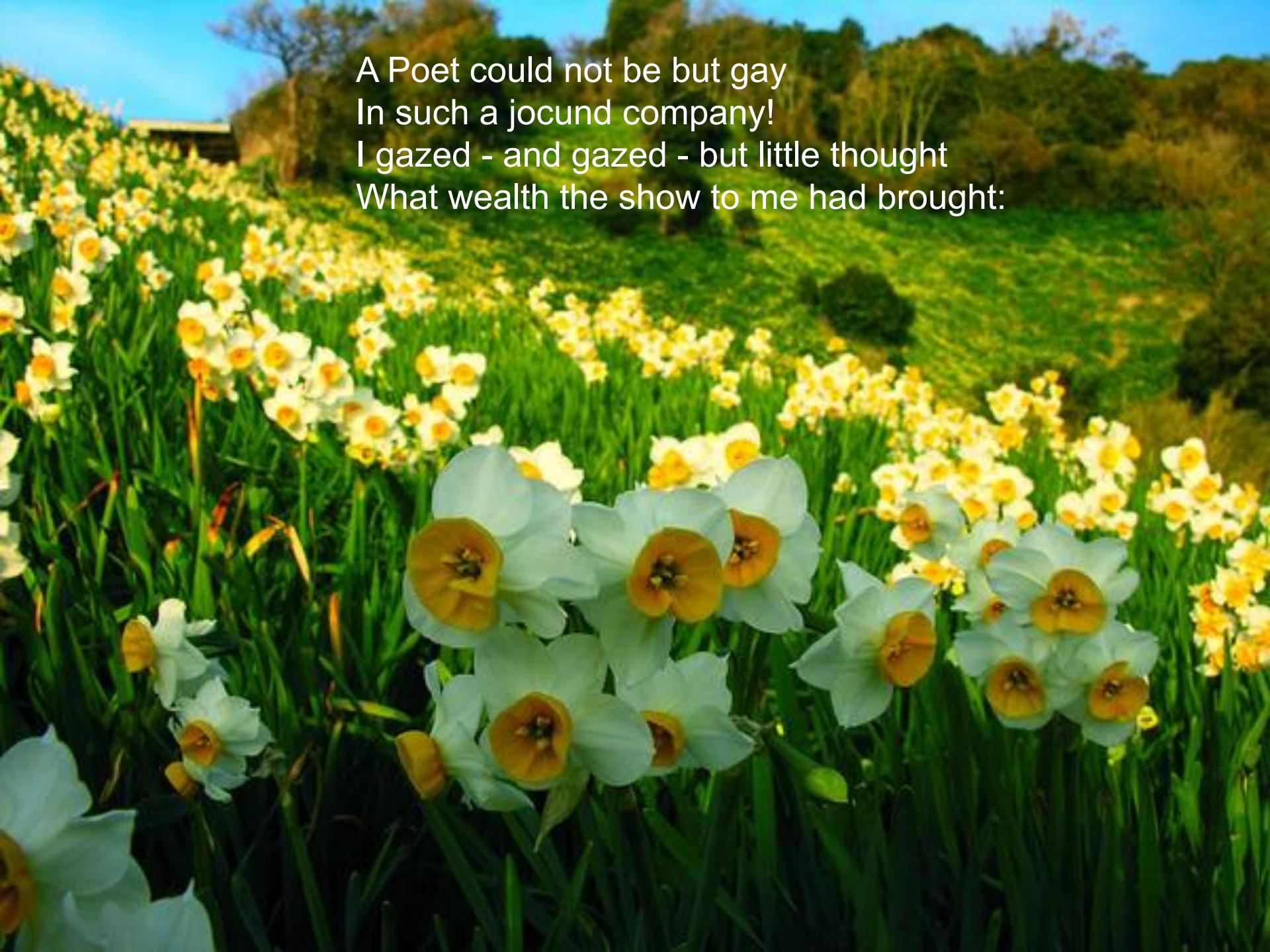


Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.



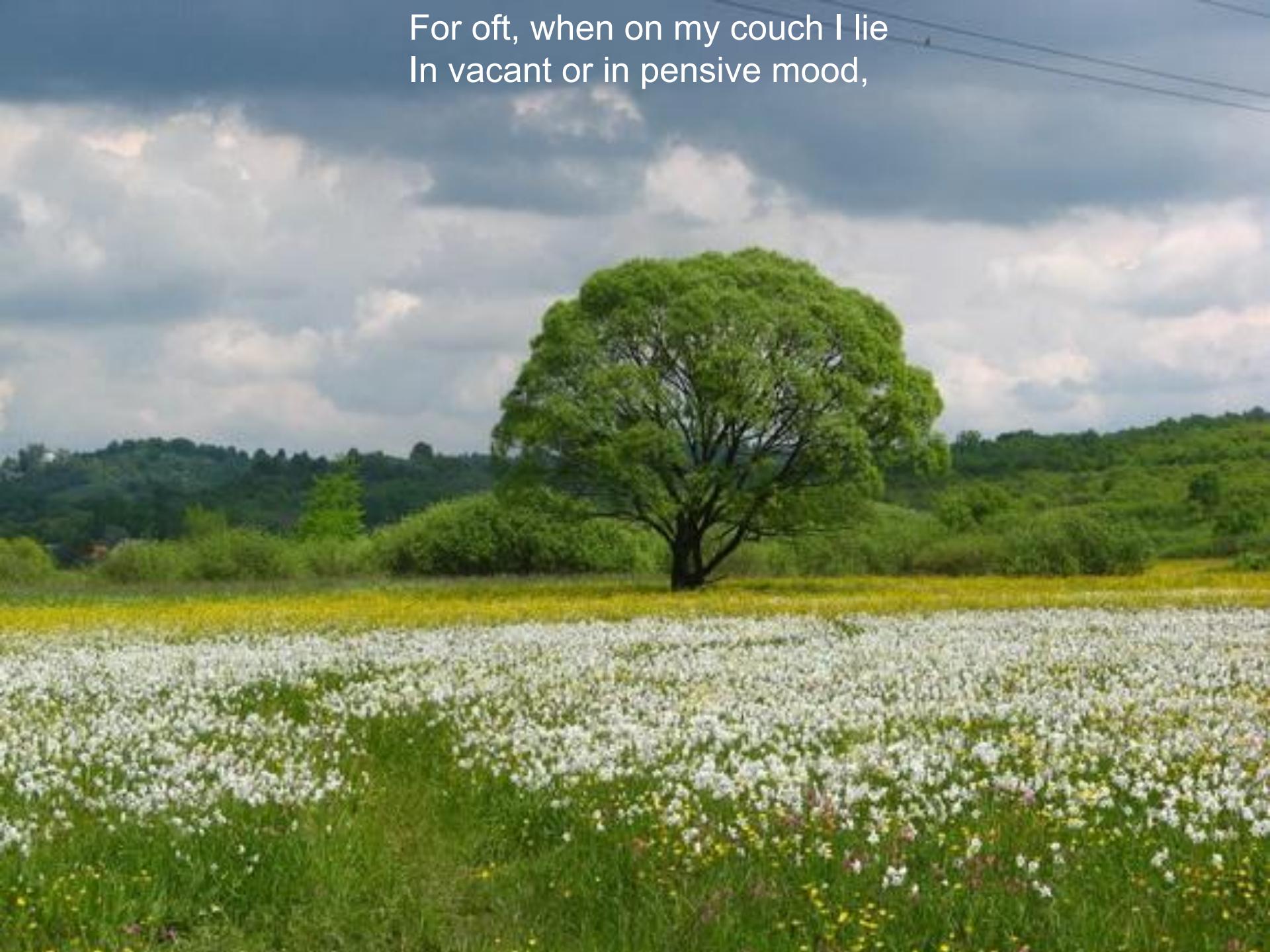
A vibrant photograph of a field of daffodils. The flowers are white with distinct yellow centers and green stems. They are set against a clear, bright blue sky. In the upper left corner, the bare branches of a tree reach across the frame. The overall scene is one of springtime beauty and natural abundance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:

A wide-angle photograph of a lush, rolling hillside covered in a dense carpet of daffodils. The flowers are primarily yellow with distinct orange centers, though some white ones are visible. The foreground is dominated by a cluster of white daffodils. In the background, the hillside continues towards a bright blue sky. A small, dark building is visible on the left side of the hill.

A Poet could not be but gay
In such a jocund company!
I gazed - and gazed - but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,





They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;

And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

