

I grew up in a rural area where the saying was that March was the best time to be a farmer because the weather was just what you needed: not too hot, not too cold, just right. The saying was that March was the best time to be a farmer because the weather was just what you needed: not too hot, not too cold, just right.

Although opinions are divided about the origins of this proverb, the farmers certainly seemed to agree with it, recognising that the nasty weather of the winter would likely transition to the springtime of April, and that the fishermen expected stormy March to give way to better conditions in April. This proverb is not unique to Ontario in Europe and some other parts of the world; however, I'm sure that many of you can remember snowstorms in southern Ontario in April – and even early May.

Another suggested source is the cycle of the constellations which we see in the night sky: at the start of March, the constellation Leo (the Lion) is on the eastern horizon at sunset. By the end of the month, Aries (the Ram) is on the eastern horizon at sunset. The saying means that many people no longer recognise the constellations and the proverb, like many others, is a bit of a double-edged sword. Much like a pet parent who says, "He wants to have his cake and eat it too" when the actual proverb is "Eat your cake and have it too" suggesting that you want two opposite truths to coexist!

Finally, the saying is reminiscent of the Transfiguration account where Jesus is called to be and do. The Transfiguration account presents Jesus in