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### While Weeding

Here among the damp duvet of leaves and stalks  
The crocuses are having a long lie-in  
Awaiting the wake-up call of light and warmth.

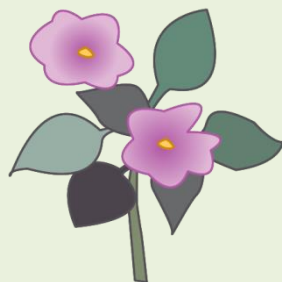
The snowdrops are already up and about,  
Overcoming their shyness, their  
Eager white faces newly scrubbed.

And daffodils! Green rockets fired from  
Little onion silos into light and air,  
They will burst like yellow fireworks

Brazen in their confidence  
While others are still asleep or dipping  
In and out of chlorophylled dreams

Or, having woken early,  
Are falling back into a deeper sleep.

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What kind of covering does this suggest?  
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How are crocuses feeling?  
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What kind of people are the snowdrops?  
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Why are the daffodils like rockets?  
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What does this describe?  
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What kind of characters are the daffodils?  
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Why are the dreams of plants chlorophylled?  
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What will the other plants be waiting for?  
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Here are some objects and plants which are being described using personification. Highlight the example which you think best completes the description using personification.

My fat knapsack	sat comfortably / was lying / happened to be	on the chair.
The automatic door	opened its arms to us/ greeted us/swung open	as we approached.
The church steeple	was pointing at/pointed longingly at/was as bright as	at the stars.
The photographer's flash	illuminated/blinded/winked brightly at	at the happy couple.
In the wind, the old tree	was bending against/waved its bent arms at/was a clear outline against	at the cloudy sky.

Complete the following descriptive sentences using personification

That night the hurricane		the coastline.
I noticed the rose		on the trellis.
The sunflowers		at me.
The van engine gave an		as it started.
The motor boat		across the waves.