

You Gotta Reap Just What You Sow

by Geoffrey Clarfield (June 2013)

*Sowin on the mountain
Reapin in the valley
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Folk song sung by Woody Guthrie

Springtime is coming to Toronto and soon people will be at work in their gardens. If you drive north of Toronto, through Holland Marsh, you will see the beautifully turned out farms that supply Toronto with so much of its food. It is as if it has always been this way, and for those with a religious bent the agricultural metaphors that permeate the Bible make it seem that life, metaphorically speaking, is one long round of planting, tending and harvesting. But it has not always been so.