

Grasshoppers

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Sap's rising

Grasshoppers are
hatching out
Autumn-laid eggs

Young stepping

Grasshoppers
hopping
high
Grasshoppers
jumping

Vaulting from
leaf to leaf
stem to stem
plant to plant

leapers
Grass-
bounders

springers
Grass-
soarers

Leapfrogging
longjumping
grasshoppers.

Ground's warming

Grasshoppers are
hatching out

splitting

into spring

Grasshoppers
hopping

Grasshoppers
jumping
far

leaf to leaf
stem to stem

Grass-
leapers

bounders

Grass-
springers

soarers

Leapfrogging
longjumping
grasshoppers.