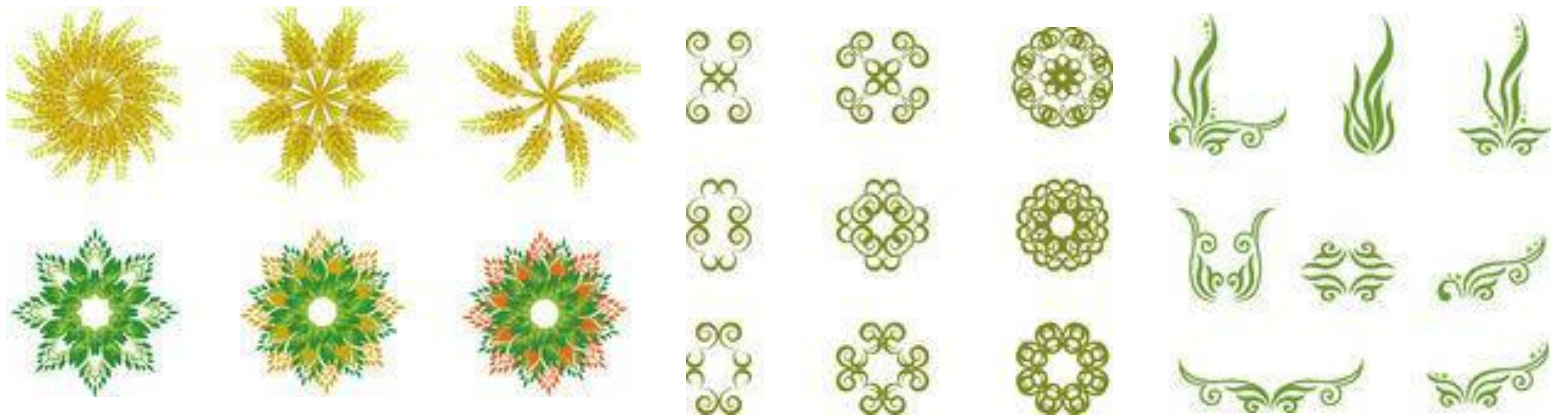


Floral and poetic
symbol of Russia



- In all cultures the plant - the main symbol of the living earth and the cyclical nature of birth, death and rebirth. The plants symbolize vitality, life cycle, nutrition, fertility, passivity and immobility.





As you know, one of the main symbols of our great country is a birch. We, the Russian people can't to imagine a field or a forest, where there would not be this white beauty.

- Today, birch is probably the most common tree in Russia. It is considered a symbol of purity and rebirth, but at the same time ancient slavs believed that evil spirits and mermaids can live in it



- In the northern part of the country residents were assured that the plant is unhappy, because of never built the houses in birch forests. There were other signs on white beauty. So, rumors existed that if you use the birch wood for the stove, then there will be bugs in the house or if a married man will plant a tree in the yard, it can end badly for him.



- However, the birch is still often associated with good beliefs. For example, in the russian translation the tree's name means "keep". In addition, the plant is originally associated with health, fertility, femininity and beauty.



● As for the popularity of that plant, so we owe our poets, especially Sergei Yesenin, who was very loved birch and sang it in many of his poems.



Белая береза
Под моим окном
Принакрылась снегом,
Точно серебром.
На пушистых ветках
Снежной каймой
Распустились кисти
Белой бахромой.
И стоит береза
В сонной тишине,
И горят снежинки
В золотом огне.
А заря, лениво
Обходя кругом,
Обсыпает ветки
Новым серебром.