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If Candlemas day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight;
If on Candlemas day it will be shower and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again.

There are several similar rhymes that re-tell the old stories of the groundhog, bear, and badger. While we regard these old tales as simply superstition, we should remember that they arose from the efforts of our ancestors, who very carefully watched the weather of winter and early spring, to predict, if they could, their chances of future good yields from field, meadow and barn. Weather science as we now know it is comparatively new. -----