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Journal Write 10.1

What if it was always Winter? No Spring or Summer? Would that be good? Bad? Why?



Today

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2. Wednesday Wars - November

• **Pied** means partly-colored, (partly one color, and partly another color) as in Pied Wagtail, a bird that is partly black and partly white.
Ninny* means a silly or foolish person. It is a mild insult.

• The expression a 'pied ninny' is used to affectionately mock a person, implying that they are a special creature, not just a ninny (a silly person!) but a 'pied' ninny, which must be pretty rare! (You're a special breed of idiot!)

• Shakespeare uses the expression.

e.g. in *The Tempest*, Act III, Scene II, CALIBAN says "What a pied ninny's this!"

• FOOTNOTE

* ninny is a shorter and milder form of nincompoop, which may have been coined as a more friendly form of the Latin *non compos mentis* (not of sound mind), or the French *ne comprend pas* (doesn't understand).