

THE LABURNUM TOP
Ted Hughes

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Top
(Ted Hughes)***

Laburnum Top : The top of the
laburnum tree - its highest branches

Goldfinch : Wild canary - A small,
yellow bird - The male of the species
has black markings across the face, on
the wings and tail.

Laburnum : The Golden
Chain tree - A commonly
found tree with golden
flowers that hang in bunches

People are alive
because they undergo
exchange of energy.

In this poem, the poet
has used the Laburnum
tree and goldfinches as
a symbol of life and its
fluctuations.

Hughes is trying to convey the message
that [life](#) is a process of exchange and
transformation.