



The Gift Within Revealed

The Lily lay on the side of the road.
The pot smashed, the soil scattered,
The flowers dry and withered,
Discarded with the trash...

She bends down slowly,
And lifts the broken plant.
Slowly she walks the three blocks home,
Cradling the dying plant in her arms.

Standing in her back yard,
She finds the perfect spot.
Trowel in hand, she digs the hole,
And places the Lily upright in a place of honor...

The spring turns to summer,
Summer turns to fall and fall into winter.
The Lily dries up and loses its leaves.
Gentle rains give way to winter snow.
The snow melts and the sun warms the earth,
The gentle spring rains return...

The empty spot in the garden, suddenly erupts,
The Lily pushes up through the earth.
It reaches for the sun,
Responding to the loving attention she gives...

The stalk grows taller and stronger,
And buds appear in a large circle at its crown.
Still growing ever taller,
A second circle of buds appear...

It is a warm sunny day,
The buds burst open in celebration of life.



A clarion of 46 blooms, now five feet tall,
From the Lily given up for dead...

The Easter Lily,
Symbol of resurrection –
It lives again, in glorious splendor,
And she smiles, knowing its truth all along....



How many of us have been bruised and broken as this Lily?
How many of us have been bullied and told we would never be anything more than this discarded flower?

All it takes is for one person to see something inside of us that we do not see in ourselves.
One kind word of encouragement can make all the difference in who we allow ourselves to be.
One mentor to take our hand and guide us onto a path of greatness.

It does not matter where you come from. The past has no place in this process. It is about this moment going forward and fulfillment of your life's vision and mission.

Each one of us possesses a gift that can make a difference for ourselves, others, and the world.

All we need is for someone else to see it within us.

- Someone that will create a safe place for us to unwrap our gift, feed it and nurture it.
- Someone that will encourage us and show us a path that will lead to fulfillment, happiness, and joy.
- Someone that will share our dreams and help us stand if we should stumble and fall along the way.
- Someone that may have only touched our lives for a short time but has a profound impact on the journey we will take.

It could be a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach, minister, boss, friend, or acquaintance that helps you see what you are unable to see.



- That you are amazing!
- You are smart!
- You are creative!
- You are worthy!
- You are heard!
- You can do it!
- You can and are making a difference!
- You are special!
- You matter!
- You are loved!

Believing in yourself is so much easier if you have someone that believes in you standing by your side, if not physically there, but in spirit.

Who is that person that made a difference for you?

What is it that they said that gave you courage to believe in yourself?

What is the gift you have yet to unwrap?

What is the dream you keep pushing away because you don't think you can do it or it's not the right time?

I am here to tell you that now is the time to realize your dreams. Release your gift in all its glory and be that magnificent Lily standing tall and proud in the sunshine with a crown of beautiful flowers displayed for all the world to see.

The story of the Lily I have shared here is a true story. If I had not seen this Lily with my own eyes, I would not have believed it was possible. My grandmother had an amazing garden. Everything she planted grew bigger and taller and had more flowers than anything I have ever seen. She was able to bring out the gifts hidden within them and the world was a better place for her having done so.



Be the Lily...

Share your gift...

Let this spring be the resurrection and renaissance of your life...



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