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This week we're passing along to you
a page from a

Pilgrim's Journal

Trampled Rose

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On a beautiful spring day in 1979, I sat on the seventh floor of Hodges Library – on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville – and watched as thousands of fellow students rushed off to their various classes toting tons of books. A freshman myself, I should have been studying at the time but was a bit more drawn to looking out the gigantic windows to the sidewalks below. That's when I saw someone inadvertently drop a rose and watched dumbfounded as no one even bothered to notice – walking past it or trampling it underfoot. In the melancholy of that moment, I wrote this poem to remind myself how to live:

I passed today a trampled rose,
Frayed by one in a rush.
He had cared not of this – God's masterpiece –
As he whisked and scampered and pushed.

Destination was his only concern
And arriving there on time;
No matter that a beautiful rose
Had been trampled and left behind.

Its petals were strewn across the walk
With no fragrance like before.
Its stem was but a broken stick,
Its beauty displayed no more.

Suddenly this sight brought to my mind
Tranquility – fast becoming extinct –
Leisure and pleasure and happiness,
Time to ponder and think.

With this onslaught of industrialization

Can we truly we say we have progressed,
As we hasten and hurry and hustle about
Overlooking peace and tenderness?

Oh, take time for the wonders of nature:
Acquaint with literature and prose;
Awe the spectacularity of a life –
Admire the fragrance of a rose!

If life's seasons slip through our fingers like sand,
We should live them abundantly and free;
For the future is not promised to us,
And our tomorrow may never be.

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