

The Fragrance of Love



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There is something special about the fragile and momentary beautiful bloom of a flower. Its exclusive fragrance is a blessing for those who dare and care to notice it, just as God intended love to be shared.

With nature being a gift from God, it's a natural response for flower bouquets to be exchanged by couples in love. After discovering God's ultimate definition of love found in 1 Corinthians 13 and knowing His true gifts, there's a field full of meaningful reflections of love's journey from passionate dreams to lasting commitments.

This is the fragrance of love. . . . Whatever goes into nurturing the seed, making it grow, and sustaining its health is part of creating the scent of a shared blessing, not just for two but for all who are near.

We dedicate this book to our wives, Kim and Joan, as we share our reflections with you. Take time to smell the roses and may God bless you in the garden of your love relationships.

— Dan & Dave Davidson

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Gardener's Delight

AWAKE, NORTH WIND, AND COME, SOUTH WIND!
BLOW ON MY GARDEN, THAT ITS FRAGRANCE MAY SPREAD
ABROAD. LET MY LOVER COME INTO HIS GARDEN AND TASTE
ITS CHOICE FRUITS. *Song of Solomon 4:16*

Some flowers bloom for only a short time. Their colors seem to vanish as quickly as they had burst forth in glory. To some, love is the same. It seems to leave suddenly after its first wave of passion.

In the eyes of a seasoned gardener though, there is much more to life than the peak blossom of spring. There is joy in planting, in growing, and in the nurturing of new life. True, committed love is much the same.

The patience of a gardener helps to produce beauty beyond description. Patience can also help create an abiding love that words cannot express. When planted in deep rich soil, love relationships are nourished and sustained by the Master Gardener, God himself.

Dan Davidson

*What better place
for a man to kneel down
and offer a kiss, a ring, or a
hand, than amongst the flowers
and foliage of a garden path leading
to an ornate gazebo.*

Dave Davidson



THERE IS JUST AS MUCH BEAUTY VISIBLE TO US IN THE LANDSCAPE
AS WE ARE PREPARED TO APPRECIATE — NOT A GRAIN MORE.

Henry David Thoreau





The Almighty Creator,
having a heart of a faithful father,
bestows His very finest handiwork
upon those who simply notice.

Dave Davidson

GOD CREATED THE FIRST MAN AND WOMAN,
ADAM AND EVE, AND CHOSE A BEAUTIFUL SETTING
FOR THEM TO SHARE THEIR LOVE TOGETHER

— A GARDEN.

Dan Davidson

The garden will never be finished,
but that adds to the pleasure.

Robert Meltzer

'TIS TRULY AMAZING THAT SUCH BEAUTY EMERGES FROM THE GROUND . . .
EACH BLADE OF GRASS, A RECKONING;
EACH FLOWER PETAL, EVIDENCE OF A
MASTER GARDENER METHODICALLY MAKING MINI-MIRACLES.

Dave Davidson



In his garden every man may be his own artist
without apology or explanation.
Here is one spot where each may experience
the “romance of possibility.”

Louise Beebe Wilder

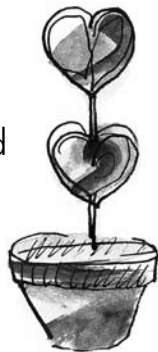


A rendezvous planned,
just before sunset at the wooden bridge.
Walking along a cobblestone path
winding around the lake,
the pink, purple, and lavender
wildflower blossoms
for a moment
take my breath away,
much like your love and devotion
which cause me to stop
and sigh quietly
many times in the day.

Dan Davidson

Comfort of Friendship

Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel. *Proverbs 27:9*



At the foundation of love lies friendship. The deepest love shared between two people is built on more than feelings; it is strong and enduring because of the nourishing roots of friendship and commitment. Friends give grace and are more apt to overlook faults and quirks in our personalities. A true friend's love is unconditional, which can be a needed source of comfort and acceptance in a sometimes lonely world.

A relationship without friendship is not likely to endure the storms of life. For love to last, it must first be shared among friends.

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