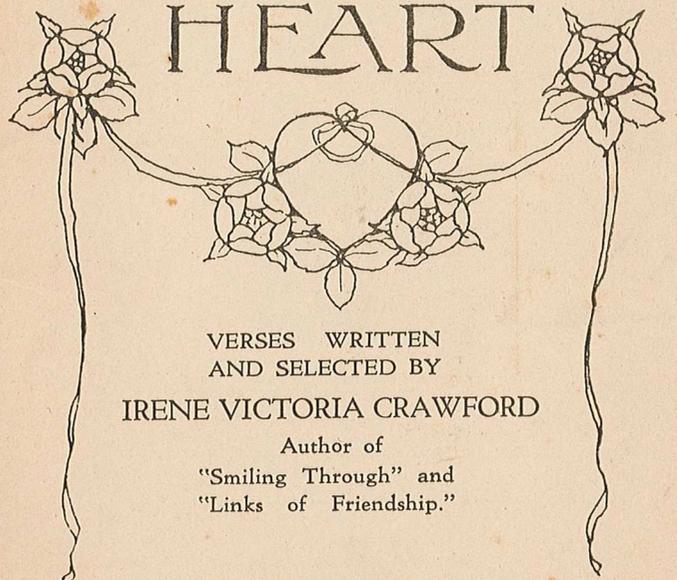




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# ROSES IN THE HEART



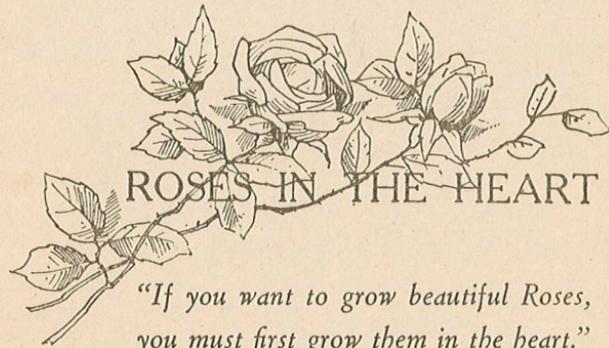
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## ROSES IN THE HEART

*"If you want to grow beautiful Roses,  
you must first grow them in the heart."*

### THE ROSE OF FRIENDSHIP



'Tis friends who make this desert world  
To blossom as the rose,  
Strew flowers o'er all our rugged path,  
Pour sunshine o'er our woes.

Our feelings, too, by friends are healed  
When sad and sore distressed,  
In friendship's name would we not shield  
That dear one sadly pressed.

Kind, loyal hearts that are so true,  
    May each friend like the rose  
Bring glad and loving memories, too,  
    Through friendliness that grows.

When through the dreary days and long  
    We strive for others' sake  
To brighten up whatever's wrong  
    All for dear friendship's sake.

We all should strive from morn till night  
    To help them on their way,  
And keep their feelings cheered and bright  
    With roses every day.

Roses of friendship, balm to aching hearts,  
Nosegays of sweet perfume, blossoms in the  
    marts,  
Where loving hearts remember all that's  
    right,  
Around them all strew roses red and white.

Through all the days to come renew  
    Kind thoughts, fond hopes, and all true  
    wishes,  
That time may help to mend anew  
    The broken strands of friendship's meshes.

“Friendship is no plant of hasty growth  
    Though planted in esteem's deep fixed soil;  
The gradual culture of kind intercourse  
    Must bring it to perfection.”

"They who love best need friendship most,  
Hearts only thrive on varied goods;  
And he who gathers from a host  
Of friendly hearts his daily food,  
Is the best friend that we can boast."

Your friends make your life,  
Your life makes your friends.

"You may shatter and scatter  
The vase as you will,  
But the scent of the roses  
Will cling round it still."

"Friendship, like the ivy, clings  
To olden ways and olden things."

## ROSES IN THE HEART



"The garden may be empty,  
The hedgerow may be bare,  
But 'mid the gloom there's leaf and bloom  
In plenty and to spare:  
Not bought from any basket,  
Nor sold in any mart,  
They breathe, they blow, all scent and  
glow,—  
Roses in the heart!

And some are gold as sunrise,  
And some as sunset red,  
And some as white as winter night  
With sparkling stars o'erhead:  
And oh! their shine and sweetness  
Such rapture can impart  
As all may know, who strive to grow  
Roses in the heart.

Give, give of your abundance,—  
Your wealth of gladness share!  
When all the day you've given away,  
There's plenty and to spare!  
Dear warmth of human kindness  
Shall bid new blossoms start,  
And Love bestow, above, below,  
Roses in the heart!"

### THE ROSE OF BEAUTY



"Life is not a dreary waste: on the contrary, it is full of joy and beauty: and to the strong, radiant soul, who has faith and hope, it is full of goodness. But beauty must be in the mind and goodness in the heart, or neither will be seen in the world."

—AMEIL.

"All beauty warms the heart, is a sign of health, prosperity, and the favour of God."

—EMERSON.

"The soul could never see beauty if it did not first become beautiful itself."

—PLOTINUS.

"Strength of character may be acquired at work; but beauty of character is learned at home."

—DRUMMOND.

"If I cannot realise my Ideal, I can at least idealise my Real."

—GANNETT.

"In all things throughout the world, the men who look for the crooked will see the crooked, and the men who look for the straight will see the straight."

—RUSKIN.

"Look for beauty in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and drink it in, simply and earnestly, with all your eyes; it is a charmed draught, a cup of blessing."

—KINGSLEY.

### THE ROSE OF KINDNESS



"Let this be thy only joy, and thy only comfort, from one sociable kind action without intermission to pass to another, God being ever in thy mind."

—MARCUS AURELIUS.

"Find out men's wants and wills,  
And meet them there. All worldly joys go  
less

To the one joy of doing kindnesses."

—HERBERT.

"Do a kindness, even if it be to a dog."

—MOHAMMED.

"The gardens of kindness are unfading."

—GREEK PROVERB.

"What is the real good?"

I asked in musing mood.

"Order," said the court;

"Knowledge," said the school;

"Truth," said the wise man;

"Love," said the maiden;

"Beauty," said the page;

"Freedom," said the dreamer;

"Home," said the sage;

"Equity," said the seer.

Spake my heart full sadly,

"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom

Softly this I heard :

"Each heart holds the secret,

KINDNESS is the word."

—ANON.

## THE ROSE OF VICTORY



Victorious are the souls  
That battle for the right;  
They're leading brave patrols  
To fight with all their might.

'Gainst fearful odds and many  
We strive our foes to beat,  
Conquering all and any,  
Who chance our force to meet.

Victorious we must be  
Against foes within and out  
So that our lives decree  
Conquering forces throughout.

Courage to those is sent  
That strive along life's ways  
To grapple with the present,  
Thus moulding future days.

And so our hearts must swell  
And loud our voices rise  
To the sound of victory's bell  
Which is the hero's prize.

"Live as a victor, and triumphing go,  
Through this queer world, beating down every  
foe:  
Live in the sunshine, God meant it for you!  
Live as the robins, and sing the day through."

Think of your victories, not your failures  
here;  
The smile that pleased, not of the hurtful  
sneer;  
The kindly word, and not the harsh word  
spoken;  
The promise kept, and not the promise  
broken;  
The good that you have known, and not the  
bad;  
The happy days that were, and not the sad;  
Think of the rose, and not the withered  
flower;  
The beauty of the rainbow, not the shower;  
Think of the ones you love, not those whom  
you detest;  
Think happy thoughts! Think always of the  
best.

## JUST A SMILE



“There’s a little Christmas present,  
Lasts one all the year,—  
Something always fresh and pleasant,  
Full of happy cheer:  
Suitable to young and old,  
Quite the latest style,  
Worth a thousand pounds in gold—  
Just a smile!

When we meet events vexatious,  
It averts their harm;  
Fortune at her most ungracious  
It can sweetly charm;  
It can soften every trouble,  
Every care beguile,—  
Oh! it’s worth the world and double—  
Just a smile!”

## THE ROSE OF SYMPATHY



"Sympathy, the one poor word which includes all our best insight and all our best love."

—GEORGE ELIOT.

"Opportunities of doing a kindness are often lost from mere want of thought."

—WILKINS.

"They might not need me,  
Yet they might;  
I'll let my heart be  
Just in sight,—  
A smile so small  
As mine, might be  
Precisely their  
Necessity."

—ANON.

"A few more smiles of silent sympathy, a few more tender words, a little more restraint on temper, may make all the difference between happiness and half-happiness to those I live with."

—BROOKS.

"The greatest thing a man can do for his Heavenly Father, is to be kind to some of His other children."

—DRUMMOND.

"Never judge another man till you have stood in his shoes."

—HILLEL.

"No one is useless in the world who lightens the burdens of it for anyone else. . . . A day wasted on others is not a day wasted on one's self."

—DICKENS.

## THE ROSE OF HAPPINESS



"While I sought Happiness, she fled  
Before me constantly.  
Weary, I turned to Duty's path,  
And Happiness sought me,  
Saying: 'I walk the road to-day,—  
I'll bear thee company.'"

—ANON.

"Keep your face towards the sunshine,  
and the shadow will fall behind you."

—WHITMAN.

"Happiness consists, not in possessing  
much, but in being content with what we  
possess. He who wants little, always has  
enough."

—ZIMMERMANN.

"If we could do our work in a brighter,  
less anxious spirit, it would wear us less. It  
is worry, not work, that wears."

—GOULBURN.

"A little bit of patience oft makes the sun-  
shine come,  
And a little bit of love makes a very happy  
home;  
A little bit of hope makes a rainy day look  
gay,  
And a little bit of charity makes glad a  
weary way."

—ANON.

## HOUSE AND HOME



"Build a dwelling small and dear,  
A house to hold just two,—  
Comrades through the livelong year,  
Happiness and you!  
Faith shall ever spring to flower  
In your garden-plot,—  
Love shall sweeten all that's sour,  
And Hope shall boil the pot!"



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