



*“God, what is it You want to do through me?”*

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## **Lessons from a Winter Rose**

I am dumbfounded  
by the sheer persistence  
of a winter rose  
that blooms  
on the coldest days---  
when the rest of the world  
has turned dim and gray,  
when the rest of the world is sleeping.

The audacity  
to stand so tall,  
to decorate the world with color,  
to be the only one  
brave enough  
to bloom,  
I wonder what that's like

Maybe it's similar  
to pouring perfume  
on the feet of Jesus---  
shocking and beautiful  
at the same time.

On winter morning walks  
I pass a bed of roses.  
I dare not pick one.

Instead I say thank you.  
Thank you for the beauty.  
Thank you for the reminder.  
Thank you for the bloom.  
And I walk home and pray---  
God, if you can,  
make me that brave.

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