

Connecting New

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Many of us have experienced sacred places, whether sitting on a rock by the ocean, walking in the forest or soaking in the silence in a favorite church. Many of us have also experienced sacred moments, times when we know without question that grace was present, such as when meeting with a friend for coffee or having an authentic connection with someone we have never met. For me, one particularly sacred place is being with my grandsons, where there is so much love, authenticity, laughter and joy. A place where sacred moments come easily. This month I share a few poems that offer a glimpse of this gift.

Almost Three

He kissed his older cousin and picked flowers for his mommy.
He has not yet learned the art of deceit
and has yet to know the wound he will carry for decades.
Delightful only begins to describe his demeanor and presence
because he is toddler pure and authentic.
And my prayer and hope is that he reclaim this beautiful
innocence and freedom in years to come.
And my prayer and hope is that I will live to see it.

Homecoming

Baby brother comes home today,
the next step in the process of making the world
bigger...and then sharing it.
This process pushes and pulls, entices and seduces,
moves and inspires us to generosity and love,
to giving our lives away with gracious goodness.
Brother Ben, be brave and secure in our deep love for you.
You were first and this can never be taken away,
and now you will be the first to blossom into the beauty of brotherly love.

Amazing

He likes me to talk about worms
and show him pictures on my phone
as he does his bathroom business.
He is the essence of what is good in this world.

I am amazed that my heart can't begin to hold
all the love I have for him, and how he delights me,
and how I so enjoy being with him.
But what amazes me more,
is that he feels the same toward me.

May we seek to experience the sacred in our lives and may we believe that
opportunities to experience the sacred are always being offered to us.

Peace and Blessings,
Clarence

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