

Connecting New

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“Love surprised me” is the first line in my book, *Everyday Sacred*. I invite you to recall a specific place and time when love surprised you, and then savor that experience. Next I suggest that you honor that gift by sharing (when you are ready) that memory with another person. Love surprised me again recently, which inspired the following poem.

Impact

Though I didn't realize it before he said it,
I would have given everything to hear those words,
“Will you hold my hand Papa?”
as we walked from the house to the lake,
he wearing his rain boots and three year old body,
me wearing the longings, urgency and clarity of older age.
And looking back over my decades
I am certain that I have not treasured a moment more,
that my heart has never felt so full,
that my love and gratitude been so immense.
Dear boy, you could never know the impact of your life on mine
though someday I pray that you too are so touched as I was today.
The surprise and awe of Love and Life and God and Purpose
triggered by such a pure and innocent request.

May love surprise us again and again, and may we mediate that surprise to others.

Peace and Blessings,
Clarence

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