

THE ONLY WAY YOU GET TO BLOOM

Poem and photo by Lee Ann Eckhardt Smith



Look to the
Small green sprouts
Pushing steadily
Up
Through crumbly soil
Towards the light.

Even a tulip bulb
Planted sideways
By mistake
Will turn upwards
Seeking the sun.

Up
Through resistance
Risking exposure
Finding your light.
It's the only way you get to bloom.

Lee Ann Eckhardt Smith, a professional writer from the village, is providing to RichmondHub readers a regular series of photographs from around Richmond, along with the poems they inspired her to write. She found these spring sprouts near the entrance to the St. John's Anglican Church Quiet Garden.

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