



**Smiling up from a small corner of the world;
Part of a larger community, still unique;
Welcoming spring warmth with gentle grace;
Making a diminutive mark, yet distinctive.**



The Beauty of Diversity

**Each stands tall filling the world with color;
Not one is better, nor is one worse;
Each unique in hue, shape, and size;
All have a place in the island they call home;
Offering calm shelter to transient visitors beneath.**



**Opportunities abound to give and receive;
Drawing the sweetness offered freely;
Carrying hope and sustenance for days ahead;
Leaving behind the beauty for others to delight;
Taking pride in being a part of the garden of life.**



**From a narrow and hidden place;
Life flows inexorably forward.
Following a path created by what went before;
Joining in community for challenges present;
Leaving a vision of what may yet be.**

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