

# Buds AND Blossoms

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"For thou shalt lift up thy face without spot; yea thou shalt be steadfast, and shall not fear."--Job 11:15.

A wildflower garden is well fitted to these inflationary days, for it can be managed on a low budget. It needs little or no water, no fertilizer, no cultivating and very little care.

You can go away and leave a wildflower garden and come back to find it none the worse for your absence. Gardeners who travel frequently will appreciate this advantage.

For a colorful summer or fall vine, either the large-flowered hybrids or the hardy clematis species are hard to beat. Spring is the time to plant them.

Plant so the roots are shaded and mulch heavily. Top growth needs sunlight or partial shade. Organic matter and a handful or two of ground limestone should be worked deeply into the planting hole.

Water the plants well, and train them over a trellis or wall. No pruning is needed the first season.

More than 150 years have passed since Percy Bysshe Shelley penned these lines to a cloud:

Bring fresh showers for the thirsting flowers,  
From the seas and the streams;  
I bear light shade for the leaves when laid  
In their noonday dreams.  
From my wings are shaken the dews that waken  
The sweet buds every one,  
When rocked to rest on their mother's breast,  
As she dances about the sun.  
I wield the flail of the lashing hail,  
And whiten the green plains under,  
And then again I dissolve it in rain,  
And laugh as I pass in thunder.

I am the daughter of earth and water,  
And the nursling of the sky;  
I pass through the pores of the ocean and shores;  
I change, but I cannot die.

# Mirror Mirth

Consider these thoughts from the mind of a man who may have been the wisest candidate ever defeated in a bid for President, Adlai Stevenson:

Patriotism is not the fear of something, it is the love of something.

We dare not look back to great yesterdays. We must look to great tomorrows.

Statesmanship consists sometimes not so much in knowing what to do ultimately as in what to do now.

We believe that it is better to discuss a question without settling it, than to settle a question without discussing it.

Self-criticism is the secret weapon of democracy, and candor and confession are good for the political soul.

I don't feel like a gift from Providence, and I really don't believe I am. I feel very much like a corn-fed Illinois lawyer, who has gotten into the big

time unintentionally.

I shall not try to win your vote by an "all this and heaven too" campaign.

I believe that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the American people will make the right decisions, if and when they are in possession of the facts about any given issue.

The hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving that you are unworthy of winning.

If you run for office and have

a slightly unusual name, let me advise you either to change it before you start, or be prepared to take other people's word for it.

There are no short cuts to national security. There are only short cuts to defeat.

Communism has yet to be the popular choice of one single nation on the globe.

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