

FLOWERS OR WEEDS?

I MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH MY CHILD-I HAVE BEEN TOLD-

TO BEND HIS WILL TO MINE, OR TRY TO SHAPE HIM THROUGH SOME MOLD OF THOUGHT. NATURALLY, AS A FLOWER, HE MUST UNFOLD.

YET FLOWERS HAVE THE DISCIPLINE OF WIND AND RAIN;

AND THOUGH I KNOW IT GIVES THE GARDENER PAIN,

I'VE SEEN HIM USE HIS PRUNING SHEARS TO GAIN

STRENGTH AND BEAUTY FOR BLOSSOMS RARE.

THUS HE TENDS WHAT'S IN HIS CARE LIKE THE MASTER FLORIST FASHIONS HIS LILIES FAIR.

I DO NOT KNOW, YET IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONLY WEEDS ARE LEFT TO UNFOLD NATURALLY!