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A THANKFUL HEART

~ Helen Steiner Rice

Take nothing for granted for whenever you do,
The “*joy of enjoying*” is lessened for you -
For we rob our own lives much more than we know
When we fail to respond or in any way show
Our thanks for the blessings that daily are ours ...
The warmth of the sun, the fragrance of flowers,
The beauty of twilight, the freshness of dawn,
The coolness of dew on a green velvet lawn,
The kind of deed so thoughtfully done,
The favor of friends and the love that someone
Unselfishly gives us in a myriad of ways,
Expecting no payment and no words of praise -
Oh, great is our loss when we no longer find
A thankful response to things of this kind,
For the *joy of enjoying* and the *fullness of living*
Are found in the heart that is filled with
Thanksgiving.