

## **Danielle Rose**

# **"Crown Of Thorns"**

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My seed was born  
One bright spring morn  
In gardens grown by God.  
Out of the earth  
My stem gave birth  
To petals red as blood.

The gentile rain  
My growth sustained,  
And like each seed God sows,  
I dreamed one day  
That I'd be named  
A king's most precious rose.

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One day a soldier  
Bent me over,  
Tore me from my bed.  
All beaten, battered,  
My stem tattered,  
Wanted but for dead

In cruel hands ripped,  
My beauty stripped,  
'Twas not the dream I chose,  
And filled with shame,  
I wept in pain,  
No more a precious rose.

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Then I did see  
The soldiers lead  
A man through palace doors.  
Was this my king?  
Why did they bring him in,  
This man so poor?

A purple garment  
Hid the torment  
None but I could see.  
They mocked and laughed,  
Gave him a staff,  
And bowed on bended knee.

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They bent me round  
And wove a crown  
And placed me on his head.  
My petals found  
Crushed on the ground,  
Like tears of God turned red.  
With each small sin  
I was pressed in.  
I pierced with self-disdain.  
In thought and deed  
I made him bleed,  
My selfishness, his pain.

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"Behold!" they'd sing,  
"Behold your King!  
Hail, King of the Jews!"  
With each reed's blow,  
Our pain did grow,  
As one we were abused.

Despite the crown  
He did not frown;  
He smiled with love instead,  
And carried me  
For all to see  
Upon his tender head.

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Once placed with awe  
In manger straw,  
Anointed by John's hands,  
Transfigured on  
A mountain dawn,  
Now wore a mangled branch.

Once gently kissed  
By Mary's lips,  
And blessed with magi's myrrh,  
Baptized by  
A parting sky,  
Now streamed with blood so pure.

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An innocent brow  
Calls to us now  
To follow this example:  
To let our thorns  
And all that scorns  
Be healed within his temple.

Though dreams may fade,  
Each one was made  
In seed that Jesus sows.

And now I see  
I'm called to be  
The King's most precious rose.

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