

A Seed of Love

by Dana Susan Beasley

*A seed of love, buried deep, lay cold
and barren, lonely and exiled.*

*Dreary winter poured down
darkness.*

*Longing for life, but near death,
it cried for help; only silence
answered.*

*Weary and troubled, the seed
gave up
while thorns stabbed its sad brow.*

*The seed settled
into sorrow
and grew deeper,
deeper,
it found refuge in
surrounding
warmth
its thirst satisfied
by soothing rains.*



Victorian Roses
by Ann Neal



*Asleep, peace came and fear fled.
Rest replaced cares.
Then, a light, like a faint candle,
flickered in the dark.
The seed, awakened by the glow,
saw hope etched in dazzling rays
of sunshine
as dawn deepened into day
flooding the seed's womb
with sweet strength.*

*Suddenly the seed knew it was
not alone!
For in the darkness life planted
branches
and branches burst into buds,
and buds, encouraged by the
sunlight of spring,
blossomed into a rose, delicate and
beautiful.*

*The seed was glad and joy
crowned it
as summer fled to fall
and winter once again
brought dark rains.*



*But now the rose surrendered
for after peaceful rest
it rejoiced to wait
for new life
new hope
new beauty.*

*A fresh spring bursting
with fresh hope.*

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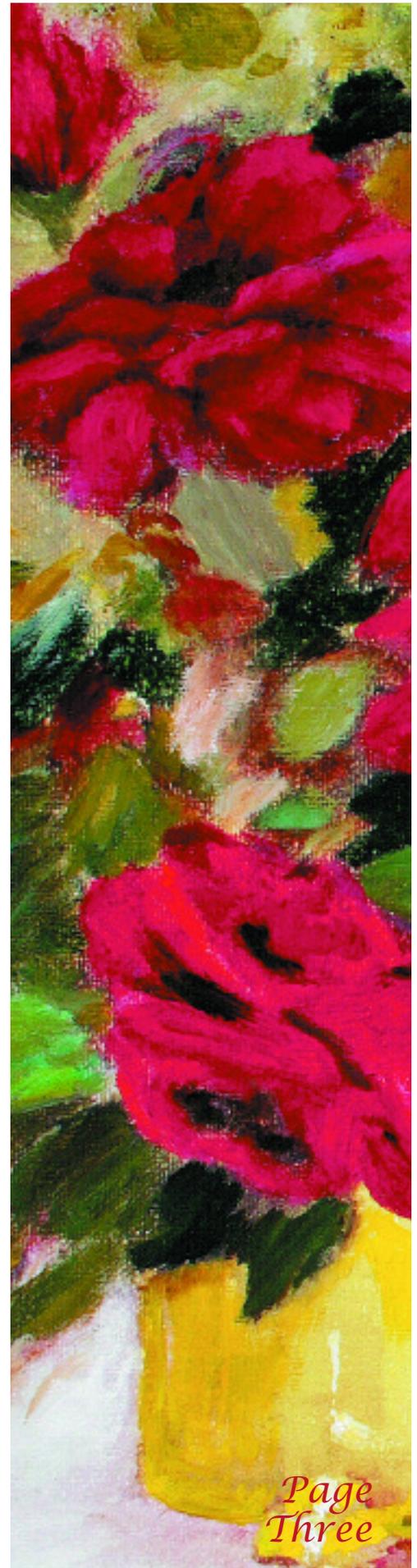
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