

How To Take Care Of An Idea

You have to know by now
that you could never live
without a pen.
You'd be helpless,
empty,
just a white sheet of nothing.
Ideas exist in thought,
this is true,
but ideas die if they are not
properly cared for.

Do you know?
Do you know
how to take care
of an idea?
I feel like you don't.
Something tells me
that you put it in a pot
and let it sit there.
You don't water it,
you don't nurture it,
you don't feed it,
and you know why?
You're too frightened
to pick up that pen.

The pen you stole from
your best friend in 8th grade,
the one that sits on your desk,
or over your ear,
or zipped up in darkness.

That pen.

The pen that you looked at and said
"I'm going to write something with this."
But you didn't
because you simply don't know
how to take care of an idea.

Ideas can't be left
on a bookshelf collecting dust.
Ideas can't be left out like
weeds to dry in the sun.
No!
It can't be so!

Pick up that pen you bought
at the college bookstore,
the one you got at the funeral home,
the one your ex girlfriend used
to write those notes all over the house
but it's too sentimental to throw away,
and just write something.
Anything.
It doesn't have to be good.
It doesn't have to win the nobel prize
It just has
to be authentically you.

And for the record,
there is no such thing as
a bad idea.
So I say pick up your
garden hose,
your shovel,
scoop up some dirt
and plant that baby in the roots.
By that I mean
just write that idea down on paper.
Because in the end,
when all is said and done,
when it's all over and that idea
has blossomed into your greatest
creation,
you'll be amazed to find
that all of it came
from a pen you found
on the ground
outside of a gas station.