## The Scent of Weeds

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roses are garish unfurled in their femaleness with overpowering scent but not all, some lack fragrance altogether

roses are demanding
they require tending and care
but by the roadside and in cemeteries
weeds proliferate -straight and sturdy they issue a subtle scent
rough as their jagged leaves and coarse
like sandpaper

one wonders at times why weeds are rejected in favour of cultivated flowers that wither and die when exposed to the elements -- aesthetics seem inverted, but who would give a weed on Valentine's day? me probably, as a sign of endurance and simple taste,

weeds survive in the harshest of conditions without demands they have learned that independence leads to survival and so displace the weak and tended

weeds supply useful materials, chemical and fibrous, they have learned to bribe predators with compounds that delight and intoxicate while roses quickly fade and die ignominious useless deaths

but then taste and aesthetics are learned, cultivated by culture though some people have different tastes

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