*The Rose That Grew In Concrete*

*You try to plant somethin in the concrete, why'knowhatImean?
If it GROW, and the … and the rose petal got all kind of
scratches and marks, you not gon' say, "Damn, look at
all the scratches and marks on the rose that grew from concrete"
You gon' be like, "Damn! A rose grew from the concrete?!"

“Did you hear..
Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack in the concrete?
Provin nature's laws wrong
It learned to walk without having feet
Funny it seems but by keeping it’s dreams
it learned to breathe FRESH air
Long live the rose that grew from concrete
when no one else, even cared”

You see you wouldn't ask why the rose that grew from the concrete
had damaged petals. On the contrary, we would all celebrate its
tenacity. We would all love its will to reach the sun.*

**This is the concrete.....**

**our children are the roses....**

**building resiliency in our staff will help our roses reach the sun**.

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