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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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