

# FLOWERS AND THORNS OF LIFE

FLORES ET SPINAE VITAE Margaret Mary Glasgow





Margaret Mary was born to Rian and Margaret Glasgow and is proud of her Limerick heritage, being a granddaughter of Frank Glasgow, a former Mayor of Limerick City.

Her Catholic upbringing guided her on a spiritual and poetic path. Her poetic journey began through submitting poems to the Evening Press, while still a pupil in Primary School.

Her teacher of English and History at Second Level, Mona Molloy, had a huge influence on developing her love of the English language, which inspired her to pursue further her creative journey of writing poetry and short stories.

She dedicated her first poem, included in a poetry anthology, *Revival*, to Mona. The final version of the poem, *Finding Her Bracelet*, came about as a result of her participation in a poetry writing workshop, facilitated by Tim Cunningham, in association with The Limerick Writers' Centre.

Nature, nurture, family, friendship, faith, and life experience are the foundation stones of this poetry collection.

"Margaret Mary has the capacity to make the mundane special. Love, loss, suffering, and joy are the inspirational forces that drive her creativity. We sense a constant quest for self and a battle to overcome insecurities. Approval is essential to her being. To love is to avoid setting limits or judgement in place. Many of her poems are very lyrical and filled with human warmth and frailty." *Máirtín Ó Briain. Editor.*

Margaret Mary Glasgow's first collection deals with life issues. Both her own and relationships with family and friends. In these poems she explores the ups and downs of emotions, which we all experience and are aptly reflected in the Title. *Terri Murray.*



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