



## AWESOME WONDER

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*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.*

Colossians 1:16

Have you ever observed tulips when they're pretty well finished blooming? Have you seen how awesome the flowers become? When they start to wilt don't assume they have no more to offer.

The flowers' last stage of life is sometimes when they show their greatest magic. Keep watch as they develop. You will see them take on shapes resembling modern sculpture.

Petals dry. Some don't.

Still adhered to the stems, a few become like lanterns. Sometimes a mysterious source creates a glow within – a glow that resembles candlelight reflections. Others open wide – virtual butterflies ready to take flight. Petals let go of the stems and drop, leaving pistil and stamens exposed.

Variations are never predictable, only seen when the hands of God reveal them. As flowers wilt and dry, my interest is held captive. I check several times a day to see changes as they occur—unable to pull myself away until only the stems and leaves are left.

But what a show! How awesome to see such great diversity of God's work displayed in a bouquet of tulips. The magic! . . . and I've only shown one small part of its life. The part most people discard.

Thank you, God, for giving us the eyes to see.

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