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To my family; those in the past, present, and future.

Special thanks to Dorothy E.

Megeney, my great-grandmother,
your pocket diaries and autograph
books were the source of my
vision for this project. I wish I
could have known you.

 $Nos \cdot tal \cdot gia: (n.)$

a sentimental longing or yearning for the happiness of a former place or time.

This pocket diary was influenced and inspired by the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood in Austin, TX. I was captivated by the nostalgic and historic presence that still remains in this area despite the on-going gentrification. I believe that the past is precious and it should be handled delicately in our present and future. Pressed flowers, poems, and postage stamps whisper sentiments of the past that I find to be simply enchanting.



East First Street looking seet from San Sareno Street, after trusk removal



"Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures."

-Cesar Charez

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"In Greek, "nostalgia" literally means "the pain from an old wound." It's a twinge in your heart, far more powerful than memory alone. This device isn't a spaceship, it's a time machine. It goes backwards and forwards, it takes us to a place where we ache to go again."

-Don Draper



-picked from Mrs. Darza's porch

"They tell me that there's no point in nostalgia, that it's better to look passed and to move on. But what they fail to understand, what they cannot grasp, is that when I think tenderly of the past and allow my heart to flutter again. flicker with the bliss I had once experienced, it's a reminder of a happiness once owned and it's all the motivation I need to go on."

-Urkrown

Dear Diary,

Joday is my birthday. My grandmother baked me a delicious apple pie, she does this every year for me. I hope one day to do the same for my children and grandchildren.

"If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart."

-Cesar Charez



The sur has risen Another day for it to glisten Another day for it to listen To the morning sounds of breakfast

> Sizzle, chop, and pop What's for breakfast mama? Could it be some tacos? It's hard not to mention

Since it's home cooked to perfection
Every taste bud at attention
Please and thank you
Jacos are true affection.

-Lucia Gajardo

Dear Diary,

Joday I went to visit my grandfather at his barber shop. He always gives me the shiriest penry he has if I help out and sweep the floors. All of his customers like to tell me how much I look like my mother.



"It is possible to become discouraged about the injustice we see everywhere. But God did not promise us that the world would be humane and just. He gives us the gift of life and allows us to choose the way we will use our limited time on earth. It is an awesome opportunity."

-Cesar Charez

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Dear Diary.

I picked this flower from outside the garden by the post office. Each bloom reminds me of little trumpets sounding that summer is almost here.

"Iweet Dreams"

May all your worries and fears drift far from here.

For tonight you shall rest,

without a sound to interfere.

Iweet dreams my dear, if I happen to appear know that in your heart I am always near.

In a realm where we can always meet,

my love lies somewhere sound asleep.

-Nicole Burg







-I am saving these for when I decide to write him a love letter.

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"When we are really honest with ourselves we must admit our lives are all that really belong to us. So it is how we use our lives that determines the kind of men we are."

-Cesar Charez





Dear Diary.

My mom let me look through her jewelry box today. I love trying on all of her pretty necklaces and rings. Pearls, diamonds, and precious stones. Maybe someday my fingers might grow to fit them.

"Rose in the Bud"

Rose in the bud.

The Jure air's warm + tender.

Why do you shrink your petals to display?

Are you afraid to bloom in crimson splendour.

Lest someone come +steal your heart away?

Rose in the bud.

The evening sun is sinking.

Wait not too long + trifle not with fate;

Life is so short + love is all. I'm thinking.

Love comes but once. + then.

perhaps too late.

-Dorothy E. Megeney



-picked from the church grotto



"Jexas Brew"

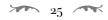
Iweet iced tea

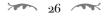
That's the refreshment for me

What else would it be?

So southern and sweet A treat that just can't be beat Must I need to repeat?

-Nicole Burg







"Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity?"

-Cesar Charez



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