



**THIS DIARY
BELONGS TO:**

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DEDICATION:

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

*Special thanks to Dorothy E.
Megeny, 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 · tal · 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.

may 1

may 3



East First Street looking west from San Marcos Street, after truck removal.

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may 4



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may 7

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

-Cesar Chavez

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may 9

"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



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may 10



-picked from Mrs.
Garza's porch



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may 12

"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."

-Unknown

may 14

Dear Diary,

Today 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.

may 17

"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 Chavez

may 19



may 20

The sun 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
Tacos are true affection.

-Lucia Tajardo



may 22

Dear Diary,

Today I went to visit my grandfather at his barber shop. He always gives me the shiniest penny 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.



may 23



may 25

"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 Chavez

may 29



may 29

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.

may 30

june 1

"Sweet Dreams"

May all your worries and fears
drift far from here.

For tonight you shall rest,
without a sound to interfere.

Sweet 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



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



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June 3

"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 Chavez

June 5



June 6



June 8

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.

June 10

"Rose in the Bud"

Rose in the bud.

The June 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. Megerey



June 13



-picked from the
church grotto



June 14



June 15

"Texas Brew"

Sweet 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

June 17



June 22

"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 Chavez



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