



## Irma Lee O'Neal

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### Little Rose

I would rather have a little rose  
from the garden of a friend,  
than have the choicest flowers  
when my stay on earth shall end.

I would rather have the kindest words  
and a smile that I can see,  
than flattery when my heart is still  
and this life ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile  
from the friends I know are true,  
than tears shed around my casket  
when the world I bid adieu.