



# EACH OF US

A POEM WRITTEN BY CROSSING GUARD MARK EVANS,  
WEST RELIEF GUARD,  
THREE DAYS BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT ON 6/8/18



Each of us,  
Although, yes, too often stressed by,  
A thoughtless or self-absorbed driver,  
Or even the occasional driver who,  
Apparently, failed their anger management class,  
With each child we cross,







Have the opportunity to make that moment  
And maybe even that whole day,  
A better one,  
A kinder one,  
For someone,  
Sometimes,  
Most in need of a smile.  
Some need a kind word





A shoe lace tied,  
An act of caring.  
Those little things,  
The five year old girl who hugs Natasha with each pass,  
The children who think John is Santa Claus,  
The boy who now,  
Should be able to tell time, - - Since Bob gave him a watch.  
Or even the dogs - - Who look forward to their morning walk,  
As they approach Betsy, who's prepared with treats.  
The girl who misses Don,  
The kids who talk with us about their science projects,





Or that lunches are the best part of the day.  
Kids who come to school,  
Or come from school,  
Often happy,  
Talking with friends,  
But sometimes looking very quiet,  
Perhaps sad or even angry or maybe,  
Hungry.  
And there are moments,  
Or days,  
That seem to test our patience,  
Or our reflexes  
Or simply, our tolerance for cold.





EACH OF US,  
HAS THESE MOMENTS  
AND ALTHOUGH IT CAN SEEM LIKE WE EACH HAVE THESE MOMENTS ALONE,



EVERYONE OF US,  
HAS THESE MOMENTS, TOO!



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