



I Got Flowers Today (Dedicated to Battered Women)

I got flowers today!

It wasn't my birthday or any other special day.
We had our first argument last night;
And he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt;
I know that he is sorry and didn't mean to say the things he said;
Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today.

It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day.
Last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me.
It seemed like a nightmare.
I couldn't believe that it was real.
I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over.
I know he must be sorry.
Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today!

It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day;
Last night he threw me into a wall and then started choking me;
It seemed unreal, a nightmare, but you wake up from nightmares;
And I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over—but I know
he is sorry; Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today!

And it wasn't Valentines Day or any other special day;
Last night he beat me and threatened to kill me;
Make-up and long sleeves didn't hide the cuts and bruises this
time;
I couldn't go to work today because I didn't want anyone to
know—but I know he's sorry;
Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today!

And it wasn't Mother's Day or any other special day;
Last night he beat me again, and it was worse than all of the other
times;
If I leave him, what will I do?
How will I take care of the kids?
What about money?
I'm afraid of him, but I'm too scared and dependent to leave him!
But he must be sorry;
Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today....

Today was a special day—it was the day of my funeral;
Last night he killed me;
If only I would have gathered the courage and strength to leave
him;
I could have received help from the Women's Shelter, but I didn't
ask for their help;
So, I got flowers today—for the last time.

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**To inform, educate, mobilise and provide a safe environment to all
woman and children affected by domestic and gender-based
violence in Port Elizabeth and surrounding areas**

OUR VALUES



Integrity



Respect



Compassion



Transformation

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