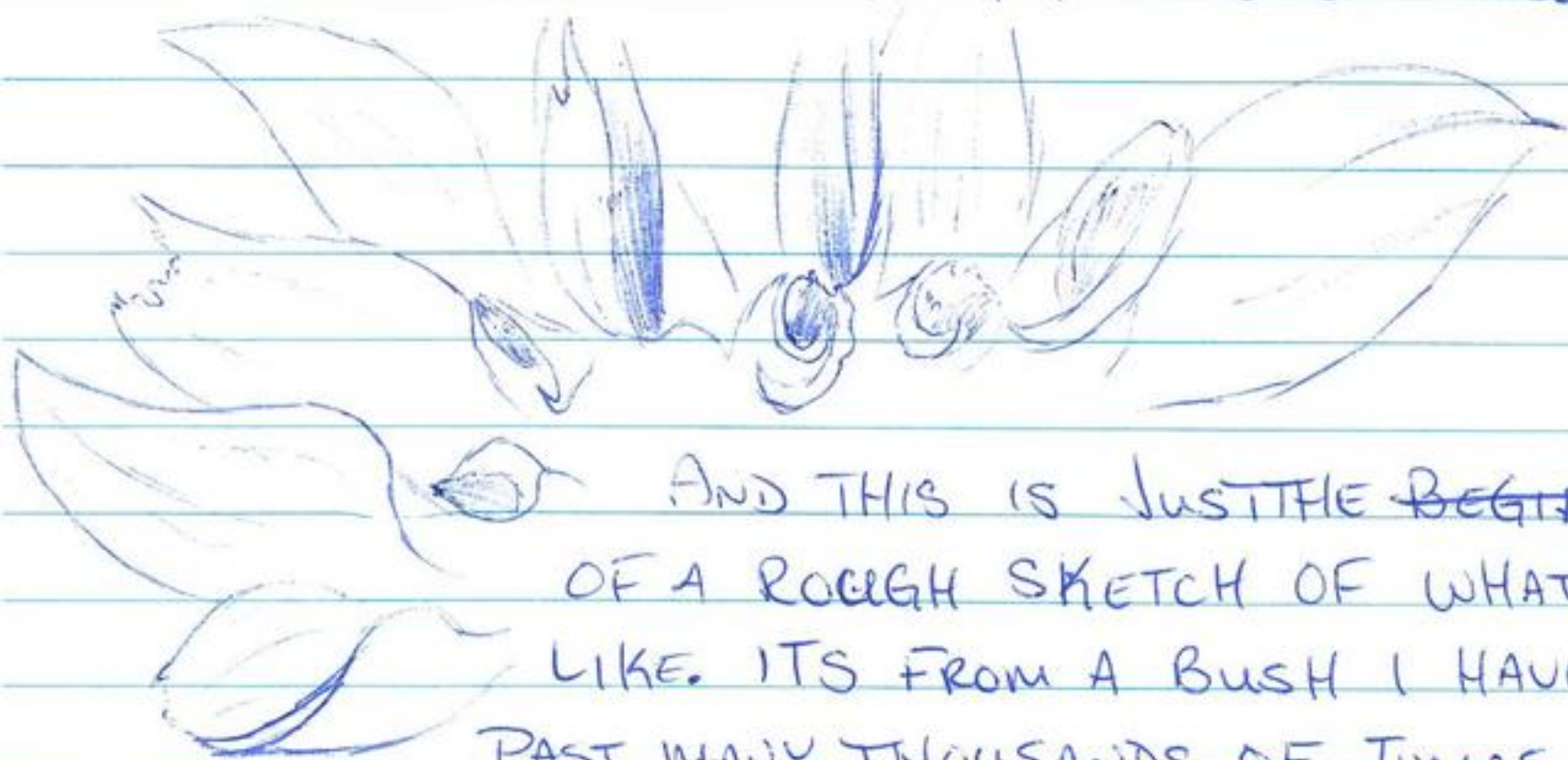


HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMETHING THAT IS JUST SO DANG  
BEAUTIFUL THAT YOU JUST STOP COMPLETELY WHAT EVER IT IS YOU  
ARE DOING AND JUST STARE AT IT?

MY AUNT SENT ME A PICTURE OF A FLOWER



AND THIS IS JUST THE ~~BEGINNING~~ BEGINNINGS  
OF A ROUGH SKETCH OF WHAT IT LOOKS  
LIKE. ITS FROM A BUSH I HAVE SEEN AND  
PAST MANY THOUSANDS OF TIMES AND NEVER  
REALLY STOPPED TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF IT. THE COLOR OF

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IT IS JUST STRIKING, IT ALMOST MAKES ME CATCH MY BREATH TO SEE IT, AGAIN, AND APPRECIATE IT.

I MISS WORKING IN THE YARD OR GARDEN. TO FEEL THE DIRT BETWEEN MY FINGERS, SMELL FRESHLY TURNED EARTH. I REMEMBER PLANTING GLADIOLA'S WITH MY AUNT IN HERE FRONT YARD AND WATCHING THEM GROW AND BECOME SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL. AND TO KNOW I HELPED IT TO GROW MADE ME FEEL GREAT.

THAT'S JUST ONE MORE THING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.