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## Our Galway Time, Fall 2019

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## **Our Galway Time, Fall 2019**

A community poem drawn from student journal entries

I hoped

To see something I've never seen before  
To experience something that's out of my element, that maybe I  
wouldn't usually try  
To experience a deep level of understanding  
To observe differences  
For a time without needlessly worrying about stupid stuff back  
home  
To realize something new

I noticed

How much I talk versus how much I listen  
That I have laughed more in the past few days than in a long time  
How much I struggle just sitting, especially in a lecture  
How much I rely on a routine  
How I need to improve my patience and ability to keep a positive  
attitude  
How much I like a lot of "little comforts" in my life  
That my meds make me irritable  
In a group I'm a huge listener  
I need more organization than I thought I did  
How far my energy will go because I'm so excited  
I have high expectations for my life and when things don't go as  
planned I get stressed  
I notice the negative before the positive.

I didn't realize

I could be so blessed to have this opportunity  
How much I enjoy the scenery of mountains  
That family burial sites are still practiced  
How beautiful the beaches are  
How stunning Ireland would be  
The grass really is greener

I want to remember

Stories we made as a group  
The views  
The exhilaration and fear that I felt  
That feeling of awe and excitement  
The waves  
How vast the world is and how much there is still left to discover

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