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"There is always music amongst the trees in the garden, but our hearts must be very quiet to hear it."
Minnie Aumiller
Tulips from Holland?

Origin... Tulips can be traced back to Turkey and the mountainous regions of Central Asia.

Legend... Turkish lore tells the legend of a handsome prince by the name of Farhad who falls in love with a fair maiden, Shirin.
Upon discovering Shirin to be dead, Farhad in his grief, mounts his horse and rides to his death over a cliff.
According to legend, from each droplet of his blood, a scarlet tulip emerged, making the flower an historic symbol of "perfect love."

Fact... Cultivation of the tulip began during the Ottoman Empire, as early as 1000 AD. The Turkish sultans highly admired the flower, whereby the tulip became a symbol of wealth and power.

In the 16th century, the botanist Carolus Clusius studied medicinal herbs in Prague and Vienna. He met De Busbecq, ambassador to the court of the Sultan in Constantinople, who gave him a gift of tulip bulbs.

Clusius brought these bulbs to Holland and as head botanist of the University of Leiden, Netherlands, began to study the flowers.

Fascination of the tulips contributed to the developing floral trade market and the high demand which later became known as 'Tulipomania'.

Hofstra University mayflowering tulip
October 1985
Dr. Cornelius Boertien, commissioner for the Queen of the Netherlands to the Province of Zeeland, formally designated and presented to Hofstra, the first bulbs of this flower hybrid named for Hofstra University.