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Dear Friends,



This week, I picked two red tomatoes that I grew from seeds. They had been green for what seemed like a really long time, and overnight, they were yellow, then orange, then red.

I have put my hands in the dirt more during this pandemic than at any other time, and now I see what I've been missing.

Not everything worked out in the garden. My eggplants didn't pollinate, the radishes grew greens, but only minuscule radishes. I haven't seen anything resembling carrots or beets, and the cilantro and arugula bolted. The kale all got eaten by something before I could get to it.

But those two tomatoes, wow. And the sugar snap peas just off the vine, and many Sungold cherry tomatoes hot from the sun, and fresh lime basil and oregano -- all have nourished me. I've learned a lot about consistency, patience, and dirt. And myself.

Would I have done this without the pandemic? No, because I would have been traveling every

week for work. What looked a lot like a financial disaster in March looks a lot like contentment in July.

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