

<p>Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>If we don't plant the right things, we will reap the wrong things. It goes without saying. And you don't have to be, you know, a brilliant biochemist and you don't have to have an IQ of 150. Just common sense tells you to be kind, ninny, fool. Be kind. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>Information helps you to see that you're not alone. That there's somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who've all longed and lost, who've all been happy. So the library helps you to see, not only that you are not alone, but that you're not really any different from everyone else. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded. Maya Angelou</p>

<p>If we lose love and self respect for each other, this is how we finally die. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>I think we all have empathy. We may not have enough courage to display it. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, justice, are all like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it. That is the truth of it. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>I have a son, who is my heart. A wonderful young man, daring and loving and strong and kind. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>Nothing will work unless you do. Maya Angelou</p>

<p>A wise woman wishes to be no one's enemy; a wise woman refuses to be anyone's victim. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>Love is like a virus. It can happen to anybody at any time. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>You are the sum total of everything you've ever seen, heard, eaten, smelled, been told, forgot - it's all there. Everything influences each of us, and because of that I try to make sure that my experiences are positive. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud. Somebody who may not look like you. May not call God the same name you call God - if they call God at all. I may not dance your dances or speak your language. But be a blessing to somebody. That's what I think. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength. Maya Angelou</p>

<p>History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>All great achievements require time. Maya Angelou</p>
<p>One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest. Maya Angelou</p>	<p>Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness. Maya Angelou</p>

## Still I Rise

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,  
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?



Continue

Out of the huts of history's shame  
I rise  
Up from a past that's rooted in pain  
I rise  
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,  
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.  
I rise  
I rise  
I rise.

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