

# Aime Cesaire

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Culture is everything. Culture is the way we dress, the way we carry our heads, the way we walk, the way we tie our ties - it is not only the fact of writing books or building houses.

~Aime Cesaire

It is no use painting the foot of the tree white, the strength of the bark cries out from beneath the paint.

~Aime Cesaire

I have a different idea of a universal. It is of a universal rich with all that is particular, rich with all the particulars there are, the deepening of each particular, the coexistence of them all.

~Aime Cesaire

There's room for everyone at the rendezvous of victory.

~Aime Cesaire

Africa, help me to go home, carry me like an aged child in your arms. Undress me and wash me. Strip me of all of these garments, strip me as a man strips off dreams when the dawn comes. . . .

~Aime Cesaire

In the whole world no poor devil is lynched, no wretch is tortured, in whom I too am not degraded and murdered.

~Aime Cesaire

The weakness of most men they do not know how to become a stone or tree.

~Aime Cesaire

Reason, I sacrifice you to the evening breeze.

~Aime Cesaire

And let me die suddenly, to be born again in the revelation of

beauty....And the revelation of beauty is the wisdom of the ancestors.

~Aime Cesaire

Poetic knowledge is born in the great silence of scientific knowledge.

~Aime Cesaire

A man screaming is not a dancing bear. Life is not a spectacle.

~Aime Cesaire

Communism has served us ill in having us swap a living brotherhood for what looks to have the features of the coldest of all chill abstractions.

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