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In most of the world, poetry has such a different reputation than it does in Western culture.

~Eliza Griswold

The power of the voice in rap is about the expression of truth, rather than the expression of some kind of artifice.

~Eliza Griswold

Poetry allows me to write about what I don't know, whereas journalism demands a higher level of certainty to be worthy of being written.

~Eliza Griswold

I worked with two young women translators. One died and the other received a death threat from the Taliban.

~Eliza Griswold

We know what war means, and we know what poverty means. We need to develop a better model for reaching out to the world than we have.

~Eliza Griswold

The truth is, terrorism flourishes in places of injustice rather than in places of poverty.

~Eliza Griswold

News isn't designed to talk about daily life in its nuances, but poetry is.

~Eliza Griswold

Islam doesn't have a monopoly on violence in Africa. And violence plays a particularly critical role in places where statehood is weak at best, such as the Maghreb.

~Eliza Griswold

I can't imagine how Afghanistan's fall isn't going to be ten times faster

than Iraq's.

~Eliza Griswold

I think most good poetry is about suffering; I think that's what underlies the love in these landays pieces - suffering and longing.

~Eliza Griswold

When I would ask women to tell me landays, and they were comfortable enough to do so, they'd tell me ones that reflected the state of their own lives.

~Eliza Griswold

You can't be wrong in journalism. Take a wrong turn in journalism, and you are writing fiction. You can take a wrong turn in poetry, and something wonderful can happen.

~Eliza Griswold

The future of Afghanistan is incredibly dark, and decisions are happening incredibly quickly.

~Eliza Griswold

Speculation is a fool's game, but I've seen many political projections that look like the Taliban could hold most of the country, and possibly Kabul, within perhaps a short time.

~Eliza Griswold

It's important to understand that violent Islam is only one face of violent religion.

~Eliza Griswold

Poetry isn't as relevant in the Western world as it is in Afghanistan. And not many people make time for something that doesn't feel relevant.

~Eliza Griswold

Poetry is a popular genre in Afghanistan. If you turned on the radio, there would be a poetry program that would be as popular as *The Real Housewives*.

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