

Gail Caldwell

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I know now that we never get over great losses; we absorb them, and they carve us into different, often kinder, creatures.

~Gail Caldwell

Like a starfish, the heart endures its amputation.

~Gail Caldwell

Old dogs can be a regal sight. Their exuberance settles over the years into a seasoned nobility, their routines become as locked into yours as the quietest and kindest of marriages.

~Gail Caldwell

Maybe this is the point: to embrace the core sadness of life without toppling headlong into it, or assuming it will define your days.

~Gail Caldwell

What they never tell you about grief is that missing someone is the simple part.

~Gail Caldwell

memory is both the curse of grief and the eventual talisman against it; what at first seems unbearable becomes the succor that can outlast pain.

~Gail Caldwell

The real hell of this," he told her, "is that you're going to get through it.

~Gail Caldwell

Hope in the beginning feels like such a violation of the loss, and yet without it we couldn't survive.

~Gail Caldwell

Scratch a fantasy and you'll find a nightmare.

~Gail Caldwell

the territory of grief ... is both cruel and commonplace.

~Gail Caldwell

That she was irreplaceable became a bittersweet loyalty: Her death was what I had now instead of her.

~Gail Caldwell

It's an old, old story: I had a friend and we shared everything, and then she died and so we shared that, too.

~Gail Caldwell

My idea of a productive day, as both a child and an adult, was reading for hours and staring out the window.

~Gail Caldwell

The only education in grief that any of us ever gets is a crash course.

~Gail Caldwell

The belief that life was hard and often its worst battles were fought in private, that it was possible to walk through fear and come out scorched but still breathing.

~Gail Caldwell

Grief is what tells you who you are alone.

~Gail Caldwell

the mother's first job is to raise a daughter strong enough to outlast her.

~Gail Caldwell

I'd confused need with love and love with sacrifice.

~Gail Caldwell

Grief doesn't necessarily make you noble. Sometimes it just makes you

crazy, or primitive with fear.

~Gail Caldwell

The truth, or success, of any writer's story lies partly in its specificity and its emotional honesty.

~Gail Caldwell

The flaw is the thing we love.

~Gail Caldwell

If writers possess a common temperament, it's that they tend to be shy egomaniacs; publicity is the spotlight they suffer for the recognition they crave.

~Gail Caldwell

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