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Not only is your story worth telling, but it can be told in words so painstakingly eloquent that it becomes a song.

~Gloria Naylor

I don't believe that life is supposed to make you feel good, or to make you feel miserable either. Life is just supposed to make you feel.

~Gloria Naylor

Old as she was, she still missed her daddy sometimes.

~Gloria Naylor

A loud voice is not always angry; a soft voice not always to be dismissed; and a well-placed silence can be the indisputable last word.

~Gloria Naylor

The music in his laughter had a way of rounding off the missing notes in her soul.

~Gloria Naylor

Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence. A time to let go... And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it's all over.

~Gloria Naylor

The intelligence community, for the most part, has no accountability at all; to the Congress, to us the American people, and so they feel that they above the law.

~Gloria Naylor

One should be able to return to the first sentence of a novel and find the resonances of the entire work.

~Gloria Naylor

a star dies in heaven every time you snatch away someone's dream.

~Gloria Naylor

Words themselves are innocuous; it is the consensus that gives them true power.

~Gloria Naylor

You can't teach talent. You can't put in what God left out - but you can teach confidence.

~Gloria Naylor

I don't want to write without a sense of drama, without passion, or without both eyes open to the world around me.

~Gloria Naylor

We get so caught up in what a man isn't. It's what he is that counts.

~Gloria Naylor

That's one of the privileges of old age - you can give plenty of advice 'cause most folks think that's all you got left anyway.

~Gloria Naylor

The last time you're doing something - knowing you're doing it for the last - makes it even more alive than the first.

~Gloria Naylor

Spoiled. That's all it's about - can't live without this, can't live without that. You can live without anything you weren't born with, and you can make it through on even half of that.

~Gloria Naylor

Life is accepting what is and working from that.

~Gloria Naylor

Contempt mates well with pity.

~Gloria Naylor

Self-consciousness is really a form of egotism.

~Gloria Naylor

Once I unlocked the mystery of the alphabet that led to words, a multitude of words connecting me to the world, there was no stopping me.

~Gloria Naylor

It's as if I've arrived in a place where it's all spirit and no body -- an overwhelming sense of calm . . . I actually began to feel blessed.

~Gloria Naylor

black isn't beautiful and it isn't ugly - black is! It's not kinky hair and it's not straight hair - it just is.

~Gloria Naylor

There's something hypocritical about a city that keeps half of its population underground half of the time; you can start believing that there's much more space than there really is-to live, to work.

~Gloria Naylor

A myth is more powerful - and more lasting - than reality.

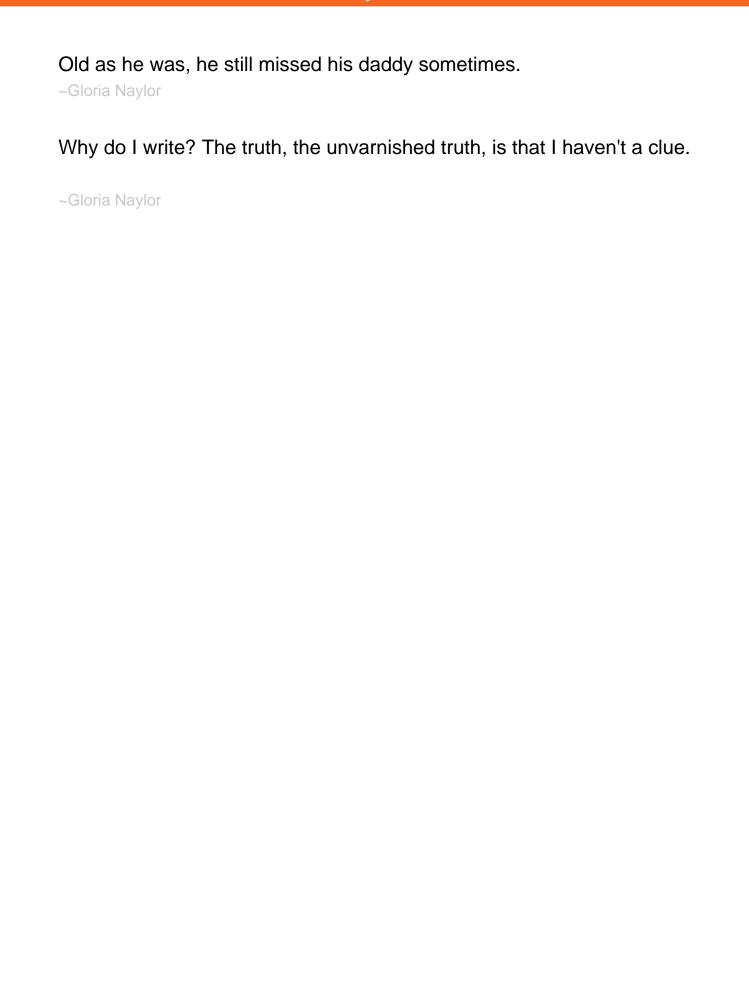
~Gloria Naylor

The right woman is the one you can live with, not the one in your head.

~Gloria Naylor

Time is a funny thing. I was always puzzled with the way a single day could stretch itself out to the point of eternity in your mind, all while years melted down into the fraction of a second.

~Gloria Naylor



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