

# Ntozake Shange Quotes

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Song, Pain, Want, Tiaras, Healing, Feelings, Suicide, Magic, Blood, Manners*

i found god in myself and i loved her i loved her fiercely

~Ntozake Shange

I write for young girls of color, for girls who don't even exist yet, so that there is something there for them when they arrive. I can only change how they live, not how they think.

~Ntozake Shange

I'm a firm believer that language and how we use language determines how we act, and how we act then determines our lives and other people's lives.

~Ntozake Shange

Where there is a woman there is magic.

~Ntozake Shange

Creation is everything you do. Make something.

~Ntozake Shange

my spirit is too ancient to understand the separation of soul & gender

~Ntozake Shange

Right now being born a girl is to be born threatened.

~Ntozake Shange

Being alive and being a woman is all I got, but being colored is a metaphysical dilemma I haven't conquered yet.

~Ntozake Shange

I am gonna write poems til i die and when i have gotten outta this body i am gonna hang round in the wind and knock over everybody who got their feet on the ground.

~Ntozake Shange

When I die, I will no be guilty of having left a generation of girls behind thinking that anyone can tend to their emotional health other than themselves.

~Ntozake Shange

our dreams draw blood from old sores.

~Ntozake Shange

Our society allows people to be absolutely neurotic and totally out of touch with their feelings and everyone else's feelings, and yet be very respectable.

~Ntozake Shange

And this is for Colored girls who have considered suicide, but are moving to the ends of their own rainbows.

~Ntozake Shange

The slaves who were ourselves had known terror intimately, confused sunrise with pain, & accepted indifference as kindness.

~Ntozake Shange

in our ordinaryness we are most bizarre.

~Ntozake Shange

When words & manners leave you no space for yourself make very personal very clear & your obstructions will join you or disappear.

~Ntozake Shange

I've never thought of leaving the South, never.

~Ntozake Shange

nice is such a rip-off.

~Ntozake Shange

Novels allow me to create a whole world.

~Ntozake Shange

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