

Words for Resistance

Nikki Giovanni

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Words can help spread new ideas
And can change the way you think
When your brain hears something new
It sparks curiosity and focuses you

Learning about racism, isn't always easy
Because there is a lot of history and facts to know
When you hear words that you don't recognize
It's like a beautiful girl that can hypnotize

When Nikki started writing about her dreams
She hoped they would spread to other people
To change the world and push out negativity
Wasn't easy long ago because of racist captivity

Nikki resisted all forms of violence and hatred
And made people imagine love in their head
She wanted Black people to follow their dream
Like a shooting star heading to a beam

Writing about relationships, families, and the world
Nikki published her poems for all to read
When I read her works I feel something I can't explain
But I always try to feel her pain

When reading her work I often ask "how did she do that"
Because her words are so powerful and strong
As an artist I hope I can inspire in the same way
And make people react to my drawings and pay

Nikki inspired me to think and wonder
About a world without any hate
We all have some evil deep inside somewhere
And we must always fight with hope and prayer

I hope my art and sketches will inspire
They way Nikki inspired me
To love, have compassion, help others

And remove all negativity from this world

If you are feeling sad about the world we live in
You might think that you are all alone
But always remember that God is fighting for you
And together with community we can grow anew