

It is with deepest gratitude I submit the following words from all of you in my attempt to keep Leslie's memory alive. I am overwhelmed by the beauty and love that each of you have shared with me in response to my email: *A Few Words For Leslie*.
With love and appreciation,
Jan

"Step into the space where the sky meets the sea and that is where you find me."

—Leslie Sinclair

Submitted by: Jan Kolodny

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"How desperate I would be if I couldn't remember the sun rising, if I couldn't remember trees, rivers; if I couldn't even remember, beloved, your beloved name."

—Mary Oliver

"The Fourth Sign of the Zodiac"

Submitted by: Jan Kolodny

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"Treasure me for my layers and layers of fragility and richness. Name me after a shape that the moon makes."

—Jenny Slater

"Weird Things"

Submitted by: Rebecca Parr Cioffi

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"Finally, I saw that worrying had come to nothing / And gave it up / And took my old body / and went out into the morning, and sang"

—Mary Oliver

"I Worried"

Submitted by: Allix Valentine

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"We keep Leslie alive via our memories, thoughts and by living our lives. Her smile, love of reading, writing and wit remind us that we should live and enjoy life to the fullest and cultivate lasting friendships."

—Valdez Armando

"Remembering Leslie"

Submitted by: Armando Valdez

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"She came, she loved and then she went away"

—Angela W Grimke

"To keep the memory of Charlotte Forten Grimke Alive"

Submitted by: Alison Driessen

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"Hope is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -"

—Emily Dickenson

"Hope"

Submitted by: Kathy Riley

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"Leslie's heart and spirit always expresses the biggest act of love, loving fully and unconditionally."

—Janet Moore

Submitted by: Janet Moore

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"Let there be a record of dreams of horses, of trees, of acorns or apples, and so on."

—Robin Hobb

"Fool's Quest"

Submitted by: Anonymous

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"If you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make that change."

—Michael Jackson

"Man in the Mirror"

Submitted by: Jennifer Herman

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“Life has three rules: Paradox, Humor, and Change.

- Paradox: Life is a mystery; don't waste your time trying to figure it out.

- Humor: Keep a sense of humor, especially about yourself. It is a strength beyond all measure

- Change: Know that nothing ever stays the same.”

—Dan Millman

“Way of the Peaceful Warrior: A Book That Changes Lives”

Submitted by: Ryan Moore

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“If I don't let myself be happy now, then when?”

—Jimmy Eat World

“For Me This Is Heaven”

Submitted by: Phill Weaver

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“...I am the diamond glints on snow...”

—Mary Elizabeth Frye

“Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep”

Submitted by: Kelsey Nolan

“If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give into it. Don't be afraid of its plenty.

Joy is not made to be a crumb.”

—Mary Oliver

“Don't Hesitate”

Submitted by: MarjorieFrank

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“What's important is not the years in your life but the life in your years.”

—Edward J. Stieglitz, M.D.

“The Second Forty Years”

Submitted by: Barri Carian

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“Love the life you live. Live the life you love.”

—Bob Marley

“Bob Marley quotes”

Submitted by: Katie Gradick

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“A hug is an amazing thing, it's the perfect approach to convey the love we feel but are unable to express!

Leslie, you were one of the best huggers I have ever known! Your spirit lives on forever!”

—Chris Johnson

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Submitted by: Chris Johnson

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**“When I speak your name,
It still brings music to my ears,**

And I can still see your smile

As if heaven is so near”

—Martin Nelson

“When I Speak”

Submitted by: Anonymous

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“Whatever our fate is, or may be, we have made it and do not complain of it.”

—Leo Tolstoy

“Anna Karenina”

Submitted by: Mary Jo Querry

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“If not now, when?”

—Leslie Sinclair

“Love & Hugs, Leslie”

Submitted by: Donna Negrete

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“Revelation 21:4 - He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

—John the Elder

“The Holy Bible”

Submitted by: Jan Serrantino

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**“I have decided to stick with Love...
Hate is too great a burden to bear.”**

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

1967 Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Submitted by: Linda Murphy

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“If I knew that today would be the last time I'd see you, I would hug you tight and pray the Lord be the keeper of your soul. If I knew that this would be the last time you pass through this door, I'd embrace you, kiss you, and call you back for one more. If I knew that this would be the last time I would hear your voice, I'd take hold of each word to be able to hear it over and over again. If I knew this is the last time I see you, I'd tell you I love you, and would not just assume foolishly you know it already.”

—Gabriel Marquez Garcia

“One Hundred Years of Solitude”

Submitted by: Julie Malvey

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“Leslie personified an admonition found in the Book of Micah on what is God’s bottom line: Only to do justice, to love goodness, and to walk modestly with

Your God”

—Micah 6:8

“Bible”

Submitted by: Ken and Nancy Levin

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**“To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it
against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.”**

—Mary Oliver

“In Blackwater Woods”

Submitted by: Susan Anderson

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**“Let me live within the moment.
Let me feel all that I can.
Let me cherish life for all its worth.
With everything I am.”**

—Patricia A. Fleming

“Each Moment is Precious”

Submitted by: Nancy Sommer

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**“You’ve got to dance like there is nobody watching,
love like you’ll never be hurt, sing like nobody is
listening, and live like it’s heaven on earth.”**

—William W. Purkey

“Come from the Heart”

Submitted by: Nancy Kocher

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**“Sometimes all you need is 20 seconds of
insane courage.”**

—Matt Damon (Benjamin Mee)

“We Bought a Zoo”

Submitted by: Anonymous

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“Carpe Diem”

—Horace

“Odes” (23 BCE)

Submitted by: Jun Ihara

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“Love is much bigger than relationships. Love is the way you heal yourself, the kindness you give others, the gentleness you give yourself in turbulent times, the space you hold for close friends, the intention with which you live in the present, and the energy that changes the world. Love is every moment that elevates the human experience and all the small things that make life shine.”

—Yung Pueblo

“The Way Forward”

Submitted by: Kinsey Livingston

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**“There are stars up above, so far away we only see
their light long, long after the star itself is gone.
So it is with people that we loved-their memories
keep shining ever brightly, though their time with us
is done.”**

—Hana Senesh

“There are Stars”

Submitted by: Linda Davis

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**“Your memory is my keepsake,
With which we’ll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
I have you in my heart...”**

—Bonnie Dodd

“My Sweet Amy”

Submitted by: Randy Miller

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**“She had been given a wonderful gift: life. Sometimes
it was cruelly taken away too soon, but it’s what you
did with it that counted, not how long it lasted.”**

—Cecelia Ahern

“PS, I Love You”

Submitted by: Dorien te Pas

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**“So that his place shall never be with those cold and
timid souls who neither know victory or defeat.”**

—Theodore Roosevelt

“The Man in the Arena”

Submitted by: Linda Murphy

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**“When the power of love overcomes
the love of power the world will know peace”**

—Jimi Hendrix

Submitted by: Marga Donkers

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**“Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul,
and sings the tune without the words,
and never stops at all.”**

—Emily Dickinson
“A Child’s Garden of Poetry”
Submitted by: Mary Adermatt

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**“I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of
getting the idea that courage is. A man with a gun in
his hand. It’s when you know you’re licked before you
begin but you begin anyway and you see it through not
matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do.”**

—Harper Lee
“To Kill a Mockingbird”
Submitted by: James Sinclair

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**“I feel your love when I close my eyes, it’s true, and in
this moment all I want is one more moment with you.”**

—Christine Cox
“Leslie”
Submitted by: Christine Cox

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**“It’s time now
We must be moving onward
It’s time for us to fly
Take care and look over your shoulder
I’m there all the time”**

—Vertical Horizon
“The Mountain Song”
Submitted by: India McKinney

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**“My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends—
It gives a lovely light!”**

—Edna St. Vincent Millay
“A Few figs from Thistles”
Submitted by: Beth Challain

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**“The more you feed your mind with
positive thoughts, the more you can attract
great things into your life.”**

—Roy T Bennett
“Light In the Heart”
Submitted by: Nancy Raymon

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**“Take a breath and breathe the world, taste the
sweetness underneath. Take in all you take for
granted, fill your soul with all there is. For in this
moment no one else owns this piece of life but you.”**

—Nina Heyen
“The THRIVE! series”
Submitted by: Janie Trevor

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**“The strongest oak tree of the forest is not the one
that is protected from the storm and hidden from
the sun. It is the one that stands in the open where it
is compelled to struggle for its existence against the
winds and rain and the scorching sun.”**

—Napoleon Hill
“Think and Grow Rich”
Submitted by: Cathy Hamilton

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**“For her eyes hold a magic that I cannot explain, A
spell that draws me in and takes away the pain, And
in that gaze, I find a love that is pure and true, A love
that fills my heart and makes my dreams come true.”**

—Alec Ludus
“A Poem of Love and Wonder”
Submitted by: Lain Hensley

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“Love is a cosmic force whose sweep is irresistible.”

—Ernest Shurtleff Holmes
“The Science of Mind”
Submitted by: Pattie Mercado

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**“She’s a masterpiece of nature’s art,
In every smile, a loving heart.
A face that holds the morning’s light,
In her laugh, the stars take flight.”**

—Nikita Gill
“She is a Masterpiece”
Submitted by: Jennifer Meyer

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**“The river’s beautiful and perfect /
It don’t even have to try /
You’re beautiful and perfect /
And need no reason”**

—@ Little Spiral @
“Redefining Perfect”
Submitted by: Suzanne Yada

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“Oh, the things you can find, if you don’t stay behind!”

—Dr. Seuss

“On Beyond Zebra!”

Submitted by: Karly Gula

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**“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t
change it, change your attitude.”**

—Maya Angelou

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me and many others”

Submitted by: Nicole Tomlin

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**“I want to know if you can live with failure, yours
and mine, and still stand at the edge of the lake and
shout to the silver of the full moon, ‘Yes.’”**

—Oria Mountain Dreamer

“The Invitation”

Submitted by: Brandi Robinson

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**“Your lights reflected now
Reflected from a far
We were but stones
Your light made us stars”**

—Eddie Vedder

“Light Years”

Submitted by: Chris K

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**“But love brings much happiness - much more so
than pining brings pain.”**

—Albert Einstein

Submitted by: Max Welling

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**“The first time her laughter unfurled
its wings in the wind, we knew
that the world would never be the same.”**

—Brian Andreas

“Laughter Unfurled”

Submitted by: Jan Kolodny

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**“Softly my right hand fondles me left hand
as though it were you.”**

—Mary Oliver

“Little Crazy Love Song”

Submitted by: Jan Kolodny

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“The future depends on what we do in the present.”

—Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

“Inspiring Quotes That Will Change Your Life”

Submitted by: Bryan DeGraffenreid

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**“There was a single blue line of crayon drawn across
every wall in the house. What does it mean? I asked.
A pirate needs the sight of the sea he said & then he
pulled his eyepatch down & turned & sailed away.”**

—Brian Andreas

“Crayon Pirate”

Submitted by: Jan Kolodny