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--QS 13:11--

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.

--Abraham Lincoln--

The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live as only you can.

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Find your passion and follow it. You won’t find that passion in things or money. Your passion must come from what fuels you from the inside.

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The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena.

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