

An excerpt from the 1994 Inaugural Speech of Nelson Mandela

(Quoted from *A Return to Love* by Marianne Williamson, published in 1992)

**Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.**

**It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be – brilliant, gorgeous,
talented, and fabulous?"**

Actually, who are you not to be?

**Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so small that
others won't feel insecure around you.**

We were born to make manifest the glory that is within us.

It's not just in us, it's in everyone.

**As we let our own light shine,
we unconsciously give others permission to do the same.**

**As we are liberated from fear,
our presence automatically liberates others.**

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