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2. *THAT WHICH TOUCHES ME MOST IS THAT I HAD A CHANCE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE
PASSING ON TO OTHERS THAT WHICH WAS PASSED ON TO ME.*
3. *TO ME YOUNG PEOPLE COME FIRST, THEY HAVE THE COURAGE WHERE WE FAILED
AND IF I CAN BUT SHED SOME LIGHT AS THEY CARRY US THROUGH THE GALE.*
4. *THE OLDER I GET, THE BETTER I KNOW THAT THE SECRET OF MY GOING ON
IS WHEN THE REINS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE YOUNG WHO DARE TO RUN AGAINST THE STORM.*
5. *NOT NEEDING TO CLUTCH FOR POWER, NOT NEEDING THE LIGHT JUST TO SHINE ON ME,
I NEED TO BE ONE IN THE NUMBER AS WE STAND AGAINST TYRANNY.*
6. *STRUGGLING MYSELF DON'T MEAN A WHOLE LOT, I'VE COME TO REALIZE
THAT TEACHING OTHERS TO STAND UP AND FIGHT IS THE ONLY WAY OUR STRUGGLE SURVIVES.*
7. *I'M A WOMAN WHO SPEAKS IN A VOICE, AND I MUST BE HEARD;
AT TIMES I CAN BE QUITE DIFFICULT, I'LL BOW TO NO MAN'S WORD.*