

Elizabeth Woody Quotations

Directions: Read the following quotations from Elizabeth Woody with your group. Discuss each quotation using the following questions:

How does Woody define poetry?

Why does Woody write poetry?

What might she want her poetry to achieve?

"Sacredness emanates from the tip of the tongue."

"Poetry is like ringing the bell. It goes, woo, and it keeps ringing. And sometimes there are experiences like that, that keep ringing in you."

"The land is like, as my uncle describes it, the long memory."

"The human spirit ... it's generated through creative expression ... transcended through art and transcended through being able to make sense of things that are very chaotic. And for me art puts order to chaos. You have raw materials that aren't anything until you put them in order."