

## 16: Audre Geraldine Lorde (1934-1992)

- nannte sich selbst "*black lesbian feminist mother poet warrior*"
- fing in der 8. Klasse an Gedichte zu schreiben
- arbeitete lange Zeit als Bibliothekarin
- lebte einige Jahre in Berlin und brachte dort die afrodeutsche Bewegung voran
- Verfaste zahlreiche Gedichtbände, in denen sie über Themen wie Liebe, Verrat und Kinder schrieb aber auch Schwarzsein, Homosexualität und Feminismus.
- erhielt viele Würdigungen und Auszeichnungen wie beispielsweise den "Nationalen Buchpreis für Poesie"
- Bekam Krebs, woran sie nach 14 Jahren starb. In "the cancer journals" (Krebstagebüchern) verarbeitet sie ihre Erfahrungen



Zitate:

"Your silence will not protect you."

"Tell them about how you're never really a whole person if you remain silent, because there's always that one little piece inside you that wants to be spoken out, and if you keep ignoring it, it gets madder and madder and hotter and hotter, and if you don't speak it out one day it will just up and punch you in the mouth from the inside."

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

"And the speaking will get easier and easier. And you will find you have fallen in love with your own vision, which you may never have realized you had. And you will lose some friends and lovers, and realize you don't miss them. And new ones will find you and cherish you. And you will still flirt and paint your nails, dress up and party, because, as I think Emma Goldman said, "If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution." And at last, you'll know with surpassing certainty that **only one thing is more frightening than speaking your truth. And that is not speaking.**"

