

See, I don't expect to win a prize for  
stoic control and dignity  
at mourning time.  
Death deserves tantrums.  
Beating back shocked indignation,  
kicks in the groin,  
stones,  
classified unacceptable,  
not to be tolerated,  
not to be wooed,  
not to be conspired with.  
Only then can music, dance,  
movies, plays, rap  
be about life.  
Only then can life  
be cherished and adored.

**Ruby Dee**

Wall of Respect Heroine

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