

“Don’t be so careful. Don’t be so calculating about where you place your feet. Don’t be so logical. The beckoning horizons do not dip into a merciless abyss, from which nothing can be salvaged. You will not fall if you reach the abominable edges – where the ground stops abruptly; you will fly. Yes. There’s much more room than our fondest ideologies and contrived evidences could possibly apprehend. So, dance with the sensuous decadence that comes with knowing that you are larger than your containing spaces, that your most outrageous obsessions and drunken fantasies are just as inconsequential as the most popular fads and the most accurate heavens. And in the heat of your glorious performance, toss away those interrupting preoccupations with outcomes, with how you appear in the eyes of public scrutiny, or with how well you are doing – for you are not a crease in the fabric of things, you are the fabric of things...exploring the intense and forlorn beauty of a crease. Life is a dance, and dancing wasn’t invented for destinations.”

—Bayo Akomolafe

Bayo’s website

<http://bayoakomolafe.net/>

The Emergence Network

<http://www.emergencenetwork.org/>

Bayo’s essay ‘I, Coronavirus. Mother. Monster. Activist.’

<https://bayoakomolafe.net/project/i-coronavirus-mother-monster-activist/>

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<https://course.bayoakomolafe.net/>

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“We cannot of course, save the world, because we do not have authority over its parts. We can however, serve the world. That is everyone’s calling...”

—Barry Lopez

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<https://www.brainpickings.org/2014/08/04/field-guide-to-getting-lost-rebecca-solnit/>