**Our Deepest Fear**  
  
Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear  
is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness,  
that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous,  
talented and fabulous?  
Actually who are we not to be?  
You are a child of God.  
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.  
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking  
so that other people  
won't feel insecure around you.  
We are all meant to shine as children do.  
We were born to make manifest  
the glory of God that is within us.  
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.  
And when we let our own light shine,  
we unconsciously give other people   
permission to do the same.  
As we are liberated from our own fear,  
our presence automatically liberates others.  
  
- Marianne Williamson