

# I learned...

that you cannot make someone love you.  
All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.

I've learned—  
that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back.

I've learned—  
that it's not what you have in your life  
but who you have in your life that counts.

I've learned—  
that you can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes.  
After that, you'd better know something.

I've learned—  
that you shouldn't compare  
yourself to the best others can do.

I've learned—  
that it's taking me a long time  
to become the person I want to be.

I've learned—  
that you should always leave loved ones with loving words.  
It may be the last time you see them.

I've learned—  
that you can keep going  
long after you can't.

I've learned—  
that we are responsible for what we do,  
no matter how we feel.

I've learned—  
that either you control your attitude  
or it controls you.

I've learned—  
that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first,  
the passion fades  
and there had better be something else to take its place.

I've learned—  
that heroes are the people who do what has to be done  
when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I've learned—  
that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I've learned—  
that my best friend and I can do anything  
or nothing and have the best time.

I've learned—  
that sometimes the people you expect  
to kick you when you're down  
will be the ones to help you get back up.

I've learned—  
that sometimes when I'm angry  
I have the right to be angry,  
but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I've learned—  
that true friendship continues to grow,  
even over the longest distance.  
Same goes for true love.

I've learned—  
that just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to  
doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

I've learned—  
that maturity has more to do with  
what types of experiences you've had  
and what you've learned from them  
and less to do with how many  
birthdays you've celebrated.

I've learned—  
that you should never tell a child  
their dreams are unlikely or outlandish.  
Few things are more humiliating, and what  
a tragedy it would be if they believed it.

I've learned—  
that your family won't always be there for you.  
It may seem funny, but people you aren't  
related to can take care of you and love you  
and teach you to trust people again.  
Families aren't biological.

I've learned—  
that no matter how good a friend is,  
they're going to hurt you every once in a while—you must forgive them for that.

I've learned—  
that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others.  
Sometimes you are to learn to forgive yourself.

I've learned—  
that no matter how bad your heart is broken  
the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I've learned—  
that our background and circumstances  
may have influenced who we are,  
but we are responsible for who we become.

I've learned—  
that just because two people argue,  
it doesn't mean they don't love each other.  
And just because they don't argue,  
it doesn't mean they do.

I've learned—  
that we don't have to change friends  
if we understand that friends change.

I've learned—  
that you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret.  
It could change your life forever.

I've learned—  
that two people can look at the exact same thing  
and see something totally different.

I've learned—  
that no matter how you try to protect your children,  
they will eventually get hurt  
and you will hurt in the process.

I've learned—  
that your life can be changed in a matter of  
hours by people who don't even know you.

I've learned—  
that even when you think you have no more to give,  
when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

I've learned—  
that credentials on the wall  
do not make you a decent human being.

I've learned—  
that the people you care about most in life  
are taken from you too soon.

I've learned—  
that it's hard to determine where to draw  
the line between being nice and not hurting  
people's feelings and standing up  
for what you believe.