Humanity

As a white man, you know privilege.

As a gay man, you know pride

As a felon, you know prejudice

As a sex offender, you know hatred

As a human being, you know conflict unconditional love universal loathing risking trust fear of rejection sorrow of separation joy at redemption gift of being chosen peaceful nights distrustful interactions empathetic support blessed touch emotional dramas racing thoughts isolation and segregation connection with others' pain being heard and understood

As a writer, you know words...

Write as if your life depends on it.