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Lincoln tried. But the issue is still in doubt. Neither the wrongs and sufferings that we have experienced, nor the will of men like Lincoln and Sumner can lift a people to the places of respect and honor. From time everlasting it seems to work out that the rights and privileges of high citizenship are not the evidence of wrongs suffered, but of wrongs righted. A human right is a cemetery flower, blooming on the side of struggle and death, and each day it must be fought for all over again. Neither nations nor individuals possess rights unless they have fought their long hour by the clock of the world. Rights are the service stripes of humanity.

It might not be true, but we could ask ourselves is it not possible that while certain cosmic things have been going on in the nation and the world, that we have been sort of shut in a banquet hall gorging ourselves on a feast of phrases? These folk expressions that are passing for facts have come down to us from the Reconstruction. But a lot of years have gone down the back-slope of time since Reconstruction, and many things have changed. Is it not possible for us to lose our way in a tangle of Reconstruction concepts and phrases that might not be so after all?

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- Zora Neale Hurston