The professors in the academy say, "Do not make the model more beautiful than she is," and my soul whispers, "O if you could only paint the model as beautiful as she really is."

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 8th November 1908)

Each and every one of us, dear Mary, must have a resting place somewhere. The resting place of my soul is a beautiful grove where my knowledge of you lives.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 8th November 1908)

Let me, O let me bathe my soul in colours; let me swallow the sunset and drink the rainbow.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 8th November 1908)

When I am a stranger in a large city I like to sleep in different rooms, eat in different places, walk through unknown streets, and watch the unknown people who pass. I love to be the solitary traveller!

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 16th May 1911)

Imagination sees the complete reality, - it is where past, present and future meet... Imagination is limited neither to the reality which is apparent - nor to one place. It lives everywhere. It is at a centre and feels the vibrations of all the circles within which east and west are virtually included. Imagination is the life of mental freedom. It realizes what everything is in its many aspects ... Imagination does not uplift: we don't want to be uplifted, we want to be more completely aware.

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 7th June 1912)

I want to be alive To all the life that is in me now, to know each moment to the uttermost.

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 7th June 1912)

I realized that all the trouble I ever had about you came from some smallness or fear in myself.

(Extract from Mary Haskell's journal dated 12th June 1912)

Mary, what is there in a storm that moves me so ? Why am I so much better and stronger and more certain of life when a storm is passing ? I do not know, and yet I love a storm more, far more, than anything in nature.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 14th August 1912)

The most wonderful thing, Mary, is that you and I are always walking together, hand in hand, in a strangely beautiful world, unknown to other people. We both stretch one hand to receive from Life - and Life is generous indeed.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 22nd October 1912)

If I can open a new corner in a man's own heart to him I have not lived in vain. Life itself is the thing, not joy or pain or happiness or unhappiness. To hate is as good as to love - an enemy may be as good as a friend. Live for yourself - live your life. Then you are most truly the friend of man. - I am different every day - and when I am eighty, I shall still be experimenting and changing. Work that I have done no longer concerns me - it is past. I have too much on hand in life itself.

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 25th December 1912)
His love is as restful as Nature itself. He has no standard for you to conform to, no choice about you, but is simply with your reality, just as Nature is. You are real, so is he: the two realities love each other - voila!

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 29th December 1912)

A man can be free without being great, but no man can be great without being free.

(From Gibran's letter to Mary Haskell dated 16th May 1913)

A true hermit goes to the wilderness to find - not to lose himself.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 8th October 1913)

"With you, Mary," he said today, "I want to be just like a blade of grass, that moves as the air moves it - to talk just according to the impulse of the moment. And I do."

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 10th January 1914)

I often picture myself living on a mountain top, in the most stormy country (not the coldest) in the world. Is there such a place? If there is I shall go to it someday and turn my heart into pictures and poems.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 1st March 1914)

I want to do a great deal of walking in the open country. Just think, Mary, of being caught by thunder storms! Is there a sight more wonderful than that of seeing the elements producing life through pure motion?

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 24th May 1914)

But now I can put myself in your hands. You can put yourself in another person's hands when he knows what you are doing and as respect for it and loves it. He gives you your freedom.

(Extract from Mary Haskell's Journal dated 20th June 1914)

What is poetry? "An extension of vision - and music is an extension of hearing."

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 20th June 1914)

An expression of that sacred desire to find this world and behold it naked; and that is the soul of the poetry of Life. Poets are not merely those who write poetry, but those whose hearts are full of the spirit of life.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 17th July 1915)

What the soul knows is often unknown to the man who has a soul. We are infinitely more than we think.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 6th October 1915)

When the hand of Life is heavy and night songless, it is the time for love and trust. And how light the hand life becomes and how songful the night, when one is loving and trusting all.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 19th December 1916)

Sometimes you have not even begun to speak - and I am at the end of what you are saying.

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 28th July 1917)

Knowledge is life with wings.

(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 15th November 1917)

You have helped me in my work and in myself. And I have helped you in your work and in yourself. And I am grateful to heaven for this you-and-me.

(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 12th March 1922)
If I accept the sunshine and warmth I must also accept the thunder and lightning.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 12th March 1922)*

Follow your heart. Your heart is the right guide in everything big. Mine is so limited. What you want to do is determined by that divine element that is in each of us.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 12th March 1922)*

That deepest thing, that recognition, that knowledge, that sense of kinship began the first time I saw you, and it is the same now - only a thousand times deeper and tenderer. I shall love you to eternity. I loved you long before we met in this flesh. I knew that when I first saw you. It was destiny. We are together like this and nothing can shake us apart.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 12th March 1922)*

Demonstrations of love are small, compared with the great thing that is back of them.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 28th April 1922)*

We are expression of earth, and of life - not separate individuals only. We cannot get enough away from the earth to see the earth and ourselves as separates. We move with its great movements and our growth is part of its great growth.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 5th May 1922)*

The relation between you and me is the most beautiful thing in my life. It is the most wonderful thing that I have known in any life. It is eternal.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 11th September 1922)*

I am so happy in your happiness. To you happiness is a form of freedom, and of all the people I know you should be the freest. Surely you have earned this happiness and this freedom. Life cannot be but kind and sweet to you. You have been so sweet and kind to life.
*(Extract from one of Gibran's letters dated 24th January 1923)*

I care about your happiness just as you care about mine. I could not be at peace if you were not.
*(Extract from Gibran's diary dated 23rd April 1923)*

Among intelligent people the surest basis for marriage is friendship - the sharing of real interests- the ability to fight out ideas together and understand each other's thoughts and dreams.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 26th May 1923)*

What difference does it make, whether you live in a big city or in a community of homes ? The real life is within.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 27th May 1923)*

Marriage doesn't give one any rights in another person except such rights that a person gives - nor any freedom except the freedom which that person gives.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 27th May 1923)*

The trees were budding, the birds were singing - the grass was wet - the whole earth was shining. And suddenly I was the trees and the flowers and the birds and the grass - and there was no I at all.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 23rd May 1924)*

You listen to so much more than I can say. You hear consciousness. You go with me where the words I say can't carry you.
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 5th June 1924)*
No human relation gives one possession in another - every two souls are absolutely different. In friendship or in love, the two side by side raise hands together to find what one cannot reach alone. 
*(Gibran's words quoted from Mary Haskell's journal dated 8th June 1924)*

What-to-Love is a fundamental human problem. And if we have this solution - Love what may Be- we see that this is the way Reality loves - and that there is no other loving that lasts or understands. 
*(Extract from one of Mary Haskell's letters dated 2nd February 1925)*