



I HAVE A STORY TO TELL

Will You Listen?

— AMY L BELISLE

I have a story to tell – will you listen?
Please listen to my story and not just hear what I am saying...
When you listen to my story you accept an invitation to enter my
space, my world, my heart – my sacred places
When you hear my story, you miss the invitation, and you are
not able to enter my sacred places
When you listen to my story, I feel embraced by your empathy
When you hear my story, I feel no embrace and sense your
apathy
When you listen to my story, I share freely without reservation
and you accept my story
When you hear my story, I share with hesitation and fear you
will not accept my story
When you listen to my story, you see the journey I am
navigating and offer safe harbor
When you hear my story, you see the journey I am navigating as
a problem to be solved and offer solutions
When you listen to my story, I offer you thanks for your
empathy, acceptance, and safe harbor
When you hear my story, I offer you thanks for your solutions
and advice



Thank you for listening to my story and not just hearing my words...

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