

I Call Myself a Writer

For the longest time, I always said I was something else
Something in addition to being a writer

I was a call-center jock who wrote
I was an Uber driver who wrote
I was something else who also wrote

But over the last few days when I ask myself what I am
I say to myself 'I am a Writer'
I'm still working on finding the courage to say this out-loud
As I have not earned enough from my writing to pay any bills

Yet paying the bills isn't what a title is about
It's a declaration of who you are and what you do
For me, it's a declaration of my calling
It's the first word I can use to describe myself

Writer

I claim the title of 'Writer' in my mind, and in my heart and soul
It's what I hear most in my mind when I think about what I do
And what I want to do not only in a day
But with my life

I feel a sense of loss, and of sadness when I don't write

I know some days I won't have the strength to write
I know some days the words won't come to me
And I know I'll be okay on those days,
Even when they make me sad and lonely

But when I'm feeling sad and lonely away from my keyboard
I will tell myself 'I am a Writer'
I will ask myself what I am and reply with,
'I am a Writer'