

Alfred Austin

Quotes

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The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul.

~Alfred Austin

Public opinion is no more than this: what people think that other people think.

~Alfred Austin

Alfred Austin said, "Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are."

~Alfred Austin

Tears are summer showers to the soul.

~Alfred Austin

We come from the earth, we return to the earth, and in between we garden.

~Alfred Austin

Faded smiles oft linger in the face, While grief's first flakes fall silent on the heart!

~Alfred Austin

Pale January lay In its cradle day by day Dead or living, hard to say.

~Alfred Austin

There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even its oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder.

~Alfred Austin

Exclusiveness in a garden is a mistake as great as it is in society.

~Alfred Austin

Though my verse but roam the air And murmur in the trees, You may discern a purpose there, As in music of the bees.

~Alfred Austin

He is dead already who doth not feel Life is worth living still.

~Alfred Austin

My virgin sense of sound was steeped In the music of young streams;
And roses through the casement peeped, And scented all my dreams.

~Alfred Austin

Where has thou been all the dumb winter days When neither sunlight
was nor smile of flowers, Neither life, nor love, nor frolic, Only expanse
melancholic, With never a note of thy exhilarating lays?

~Alfred Austin

So, timely you came, and well you chose, You came when most
needed, my winter rose. From the snow I pluck you, and fondly press
Your leaves 'twixt the leaves of my leaflessness.

~Alfred Austin

In my song you catch at times Note sweeter far than mine, And in the
tangle of my rhymes Can scent the eglantine.

~Alfred Austin

There is no gardening without humility

~Alfred Austin

Tis true among fields and woods I sing, Aloof from cities--that my poor
strains Were born, like the simple flowers you bring, In English
meadows and English lanes.

~Alfred Austin

Perhaps a maiden's bashfulness is more A matron's lesson than our

lips aver.

~Alfred Austin

The bright incarnate spirit of the Morn.

~Alfred Austin

Through the dripping weeks that follow One another slow, and soak
Summer's extinguished fire and autumn's drifting smoke.

~Alfred Austin

From sunny woof and cloudy weft Fell rain in sheets; so, to myself I
hummed these hazard rhymes, and left The learned volume on the
shelf.

~Alfred Austin

When held up to the window pane, What fixed my baby stare? The
glory of the glittering rain, And newness everywhere.

~Alfred Austin

We are all alike, and we love to keep passion aglow at our feet, Like
one that sitteth in shade and complacently smiles at the heat.

~Alfred Austin

If Nature built by rule and square, Than man what wiser would she be?
What wins us is her careless care, And sweet unpunctuality.

~Alfred Austin

Doth Nature draw me, 'tis because, Unto my seeming, there doth lurk A
lawlessness about her laws, More mood than purpose in her work.

~Alfred Austin

No one can rightly call his garden his own unless he himself made it.

~Alfred Austin

No verse which is unmusical or obscure can be regarded as poetry whatever other qualities it may possess.

~Alfred Austin

Life seems like a haunted wood, where we tremble and crouch and cry.

~Alfred Austin

Imagination in poetry, as distinguished from mere fancy is the transfiguring of the real or actual to the ideal.

~Alfred Austin

Is life worth living? Yes, so long
As Spring revives the year, And hails
us with the cuckoo's song, To show that she is here.

~Alfred Austin

In vain would science scan and trace
Firmly her aspect. All the while,
There gleams upon her far-off face
A vague unfathomable smile.

~Alfred Austin

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