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We talk of sunshine and moonshine, but not of cloud-shine, which is yet one of the illuminations of our skies. A shining cloud is one of the most majestic of all secondary lights.

~Alice Meynell

Happiness is not a matter of events; it depends upon the tides of the mind.

~Alice Meynell

There is nothing in the world more peaceful than apple - leaves with an early moon.

~Alice Meynell

If there is a look of human eyes that tells of perpetual loneliness, so there is also the familiar look that is the sign of perpetual crowds.

~Alice Meynell

My day-mind can endure / Upright, in hope, all it must undergo. / But O, afraid, unsure, / My night-mind waking lies too low, too low.

~Alice Meynell

A child is beset with long traditions. And his infancy is so old, so old, that the mere adding of years in the life to follow will not seem to throw it further back -- it is already so far.

~Alice Meynell

The sense of humor has other things to do than to make itself conspicuous in the act of laughter.

~Alice Meynell

Assuredly it would be a pity if laughter should ever become, like rhetoric and the arts, a habit.

~Alice Meynell

Rich meanings of the prophet-Spring adorn, / Unseen, this colorless sky of folded showers, / And folded winds...

~Alice Meynell

I come from nothing: but from where come the undying thoughts I bear?

~Alice Meynell

No mirror keeps its glances.

~Alice Meynell

From the shaken tower A flock of bells take flight, And go with the hour.

~Alice Meynell

Tender, too, is the silence of human feet. You have but to pass a season amongst the barefooted to find that man, who, shod, makes so much ado, is naturally as silent as snow.

~Alice Meynell

O spring, I know thee! Seek for sweet surprise / In the young children's eyes. / But I have learnt the years, and know the yet / Leaf-folded violet.

~Alice Meynell

Spring and autumn are inconsiderable events in a landscape compared with the shadows of a cloud.

~Alice Meynell

Let us turn to our own childhoods-no further-if we will renew our sense of remoteness, and of the mystery of change.

~Alice Meynell

Childhood is but change made gay and visible.

~Alice Meynell

Play is not for every hour of the day, or for any hour taken at random. There is a tide in the affairs of children. Civilization is cruel in sending them to bed at the most stimulating time of dusk.

~Alice Meynell

In childhood we all have ... a far higher sensibility for April and April evenings - a heartache for them, which in riper years is gradually and irretrievably consoled.

~Alice Meynell

Rome in the ages, dimmed with all her towers, / Floats in the mist, a little cloud at tether.

~Alice Meynell

... I am dark but fair, / Black but fair.

~Alice Meynell

The traveling heart went free / With endless streams; that strife was stopped; / And down a thousand vales I dropped, / I flowed to Italy.

~Alice Meynell

There is no innocent sleep so innocent as sleep shared between a woman and a child, the little breath hurrying beside the longer, as a child's foot runs.

~Alice Meynell

But, visiting Sea, your love doth press / And reach in further than you know, / And fills all these; and, when you go, / There's loneliness in loneliness.

~Alice Meynell

O daisy mine, what will it be to look / From God's side even of such a

simple thing?

~Alice Meynell

There is something very cheerful and courageous in the setting-out of a child on a journey of speech with so small baggage and with so much confidence.

~Alice Meynell

Our fathers valued change for the sake of its results; we value it in the act.

~Alice Meynell

Solitude is separate experience.

~Alice Meynell

A wall is the safeguard of simplicity.

~Alice Meynell

If life is not always poetical, it is at least metrical.

~Alice Meynell

It is easy to replace man, and it will take no great time, when Nature has lapsed, to replace Nature.

~Alice Meynell

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