

Anthony Marra

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She wanted to hold foreign syllables like mints on her tongue until they dissolved into fluency.

~Anthony Marra

Inside us there is a word we cannot pronounce, and that is who we are.

~Anthony Marra

But there had to be a quota. An upper limit to the number of miracles one is privileged to in a lifetime. How many times can a beloved reappear?

~Anthony Marra

Perhaps our deepest love is already inscribed within us, so its object doesn't create a new word but instead allows us to read the one written.

~Anthony Marra

We wear clothes, and speak, and create civilizations, and believe we are more than wolves. But inside us there is a word we cannot pronounce and that is who we are.

~Anthony Marra

For their entire lives, even before they met you, your mother and father held their love for you inside their hearts like an acorn holds an oak tree.

~Anthony Marra

Life: a constellation of vital phenomena—organization, irritability, movement, growth, reproduction, adaptation.

~Anthony Marra

She wouldn't climb out of the bed for her sister, but she had climbed into a crater. She wouldn't cross a room, but she had crossed a

continent.

~Anthony Marra

Happiness came in moments of unpredictable loveliness.

~Anthony Marra

How often is immense sadness mistaken for courage?

~Anthony Marra

Her father was the face of her morning and night, he was everything, so saturating Havaa's world that she could no more describe him than she could the air.

~Anthony Marra

You are mine. I recognize you. We twist our souls around each other's miseries. It is that which makes us family.

~Anthony Marra

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War is unnatural, it causes people to act unnaturally.

~Anthony Marra

We tend to associate humor with lightheartedness, but really, it's a rhetorical mode than can be applied to any subject. It was through researching Chechnya that I came to understand this.

~Anthony Marra

Work isn't meaningful just because you spend your life doing it.

~Anthony Marra

Sleep just a while longer, that's it, where else can you go where you neither suffer nor cause suffering.

~Anthony Marra

Nothing, she now knew, could be defined in exclusion, and every bug, pencil, and grass blade was a dictionary in itself, requiring the definitions of all things to fulfill its own.

~Anthony Marra

She was fluent in four languages and yet her fists against the rusted hood were the fullest articulation of her defeat.

~Anthony Marra

Anytime I can get either of them really laughing, I immediately pull out a pad of paper write the joke down, regardless of where we are or what we're doing. I must be absolutely insufferable.

~Anthony Marra

Invader and invaded held on to their fistfuls of earth, but in the end, the earth outlived the hands that held it.

~Anthony Marra

You are a coward,' she said, and with that one word wrote a denunciation, a biography, and a prophecy.

~Anthony Marra

It's stupid. There are maps to show you how to get to the place where you want to be but no maps that show you how to get to the time when you want to be.

~Anthony Marra

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