

# Bliss Carman Quotes

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Heaven, Being Yourself, Sunshine, Untamed, Blood, Long, Feet, Passion,  
Endurance*

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry  
Of bugles going by.  
And my lonely spirit thrills  
To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon  
the hills.

~Bliss Carman

Set me a task in which I can put something of my very self, and it is a  
task no longer; it is joy; it is art.

~Bliss Carman

Over the shoulders and slopes of the dune I saw the white daisies go  
down to the sea, A host in the sunshine, an army in June, The people  
God sends us to set our heart free.

~Bliss Carman

I took a day to search for God, And found Him not. But as I trod  
By rocky ledge, through woods untamed, Just where one scarlet lily  
flamed, I saw His foot print in the sod.

~Bliss Carman

There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood- Touch of  
manner, hint of mood; And my heart is like a rhyme, With the yellow  
and the purple and the crimson keeping time.

~Bliss Carman

Lord of the far horizons, Give us the eyes to see  
Over the verge of the  
sundown The beauty that is to be.

~Bliss Carman

I often wish... that I could rid the world of the tyranny of facts. What are  
facts but compromises? A fact merely marks the point where we have  
agreed to let investigation cease.

~Bliss Carman

There is only one way in the world to be distinguished. Follow your

instinct! Be yourself, and you'll be somebody. Be one more blind follower of the blind, and you will have the oblivion you desire.

~Bliss Carman

A 'fact' merely marks the point where we have agreed to let investigation cease.

~Bliss Carman

Thank God for poverty That makes and keeps us free And lets us go our unobtrusive way, Glad of the sun and rain, Upright, serene, humane, Contented with the fortune of a day.

~Bliss Carman

The greatest joy in nature is the absence of man.

~Bliss Carman

Where there is writing- there is a writer Where there is planning- there is a planner Where there is a building- there is a builder Where there is a miracle- there is a God!

~Bliss Carman

Indifference may not wreck a man's life at any one turn, but it will destroy him with a kind of dry-rot in the long run.

~Bliss Carman

I heard the spring light whisper Above the dancing stream, The world is made forever in likeness of a dream.

~Bliss Carman

The first need of being is endurance; to endure with gladness if we can, with fortitude in any event.

~Bliss Carman

On the shining yards of heaven See a wider dawn unfurled. . . . The

eternal slaves of beauty Are the masters of the world.

~Bliss Carman

There is a passion for perfection which you will rarely see fully developed; but you may note this fact, that in successful lives it is never wholly lacking.

~Bliss Carman

It is not being out at heels that makes a man discontented, it is being out at heart. To be contented is to be good friends with yourself.

~Bliss Carman

Have little care that Life is brief, And less that Art is long. Success is in the silences Though Fame is in the song.

~Bliss Carman

Love manifests itself in our bodies as instinctive craving, in our souls as devotion, and in our minds as pride.

~Bliss Carman

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