

Boris Pasternak

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I don't like people who have never fallen or stumbled. Their virtue is lifeless and it isn't of much value. Life hasn't revealed its beauty to them.

~Boris Pasternak

When a great moment knocks on the door of your life, it is often no louder than the beating of your heart, and it is very easy to miss it.

~Boris Pasternak

Literature is the art of discovering something extraordinary about ordinary people, and saying with ordinary words something extraordinary.

~Boris Pasternak

Man is born to live, not to prepare for life.

~Boris Pasternak

The writer is the Faust of modern society, the only surviving individualist in a mass age. To his orthodox contemporaries he seems a semi-madman.

~Boris Pasternak

To be a woman is a great adventure; To drive men mad is a heroic thing.

~Boris Pasternak

They don't ask much of you. They only want you to hate the things you love and to love the things you despise.

~Boris Pasternak

Surprise is the greatest gift which life can grant us.

~Boris Pasternak

In life it is more necessary to lose than to gain. A seed will only

germinate if it dies.

~Boris Pasternak

And why is it, thought Lara, that my fate is to see everything and take it all so much to heart?

~Boris Pasternak

All mothers are mothers of great people, and it is not their fault that life later disappoints them.

~Boris Pasternak

Even so, one step from my grave, I believe that cruelty, spite, The powers of darkness will in time Be crushed by the spirit of light.

~Boris Pasternak

You and I, it's as though we have been taught to kiss in heaven and sent down to earth together, to see if we know what we were taught.

~Boris Pasternak

Art is unthinkable without risk and spiritual self-sacrifice.

~Boris Pasternak

You fall into my arms. You are the good gift of destruction's path, When life sickens more than disease And boldness is the root of beauty - Which draws us together.

~Boris Pasternak

As for the men in power, they are so anxious to establish the myth of infallibility that they do their utmost to ignore truth.

~Boris Pasternak

What is laid down, ordered, factual is never enough to embrace the whole truth: life always spills over the rim of every cup.

~Boris Pasternak

As far as modern writing is concerned, it is rarely rewarding to translate it, although it might be easy. Translation is very much like copying paintings.

~Boris Pasternak

How wonderful to be alive, he thought. But why does it always hurt?

~Boris Pasternak

At the moment of childbirth, every woman has the same aura of isolation, as though she were abandoned, alone.

~Boris Pasternak

Most people experience love, without noticing that there is anything remarkable about it.

~Boris Pasternak

He realised, more vividly than ever before, that art had two constant, two unending preoccupations: it is always meditating upon death and it is always thereby creating life.

~Boris Pasternak

The most extraordinary discoveries are made when the artist is overwhelmed by what he has to say.

~Boris Pasternak

The whole of life is symbolic because the whole of it has meaning.

~Boris Pasternak

It is not the object described that matters, but the light that falls on it.

~Boris Pasternak

That's metaphysics, my dear fellow. It's forbidden me by my doctor, my stomach won't take it.

~Boris Pasternak

A corner draft fluttered the flame And the white fever of temptation
Upswept its angel wings that cast A cruciform shadow.

~Boris Pasternak

Love is not weakness. It is strong. Only the sacrament of marriage can
contain it.

~Boris Pasternak

As before the collapse, the setting sun brushed the tiles, brought out
the warm brown glow on the wallpaper, and hung the shadow of the
birch on the wall as if it were a woman's scarf.

~Boris Pasternak

Good-bye... why am I hemorrhaging ?

~Boris Pasternak

It snowed and snowed, the whole world over, Snow swept the world
from end to end. A candle burned on the table; A candle burned.

~Boris Pasternak

Farewell, my great one, my own, farewell, my pride, farewell, my swift,
deep, dear river, how I loved your daylong splashing, how I loved to
plunge into your cold waves.

~Boris Pasternak

Immensely grateful, touched, proud, astonished, abashed.

~Boris Pasternak

Failure to love is almost like murder.

~Boris Pasternak

He was a natural, and in the Russian way, tragically above these
banalities.

~Boris Pasternak

You are eternity's hostage A captive of mine.

~Boris Pasternak

Salvation lies not in the faithfulness to forms, but in the liberation from them.

~Boris Pasternak

In every generation there has to be some fool who will speak the truth as he sees it.

~Boris Pasternak

I hate everything you say, but not enough to kill you for it.

~Boris Pasternak

Art is interested in life at the moment when the ray of power is passing through it.

~Boris Pasternak

I come here to speak poetry. It will always be in the grass. It will also be necessary to bend down to hear it. It will always be too simple to be discussed in assemblies.

~Boris Pasternak

How many things in the world deserve our loyalty? Very few indeed. I think one should be loyal to immortality, which is another word for life, a stronger word for it.

~Boris Pasternak

What for centuries raised man above the beast is not the cudgel but the irresistible power of unarmed truth.

~Boris Pasternak

An unshared happiness is not happiness.

~Boris Pasternak

Art always serves beauty, and beauty is the joy of possessing form, and form is the key to organic life since no living thing can exist without it.

~Boris Pasternak

As in an explosion, I would erupt with all the wonderful things I saw and understood in this world.

~Boris Pasternak

He comes as a guest to the feast of existence, and knows that what matters is not how much he inherits but how he behaves at the feast, and what people remember and love him for.

~Boris Pasternak

Yet the order of the acts is planned And the end of the way inescapable. I am alone; all drowns in the Pharisees' hypocrisy.

~Boris Pasternak

Oh, what a love it was, utterly free, unique, like nothing else on earth! Their thoughts were like other people's songs.

~Boris Pasternak

If it's so painful to love and absorb electricity, how much more painful it is to be a woman, to be the electricity, to inspire love.

~Boris Pasternak

No deep and strong feeling, such as we may come across here and there in the world, is unmixed with compassion. The more we love, the more the object of our love seems to us to be a victim.

~Boris Pasternak

Our evenings are farewells. Our parties are testaments. So that the secret stream of suffering. May warm the cold of life.

~Boris Pasternak

Art has two constant, two unending concerns: It always meditates on death and thus always creates life. All great, genuine art resembles and continues the Revelation of St John.

~Boris Pasternak

It is no longer possible for lyric poetry to express the immensity of our experience. Life has grown too cumbersome, too complicated. We have acquired values which are best expressed in prose.

~Boris Pasternak

I love you wildly, insanely, infinitely.

~Boris Pasternak

And remember: you must never, under any circumstances, despair. To hope and to act, these are our duties in misfortune.

~Boris Pasternak

Only the solitary seek the truth, and they break with all those who don't love it sufficiently

~Boris Pasternak

If you want to know, life is the principle of self-renewal, it is constantly renewing and remaking and changing and transfiguring itself.

~Boris Pasternak

But the division in him was a sorrow and a torment, and he became accustomed to it only as one gets used to an unhealed and frequently reopened wound.

~Boris Pasternak

And so it turned out that only a life similar to the life of those around us, merging with it without a ripple, is genuine life, and that an unshared happiness is not happiness.

~Boris Pasternak

We're all time's captives, hostages to eternity.

~Boris Pasternak

I have the impression that if he didn't complicate his life so needlessly, he would die of boredom.

~Boris Pasternak

I used to be very revolutionary, but now I think that nothing can be gained by brute force. People must be drawn to good by goodness.

~Boris Pasternak

I am alone; all drowns in the Pharisees' hypocrisy. To live your life is not as simple as to cross a field.

~Boris Pasternak

The last moments slipped by, one by one, irretrievable.

~Boris Pasternak

Departure beyond the borders of my country is for me equivalent to death.

~Boris Pasternak

No bad man can be a good poet.

~Boris Pasternak

I am caught like a beast at bay. Somewhere are people, freedom, light,
But all I hear is the baying of the pack, There is no way out for me.

~Boris Pasternak

We must discover security within ourselves.

~Boris Pasternak

No single man makes history. History cannot be seen just as one cannot see grass growing.

~Boris Pasternak

Gregariousness is always the refuge of mediocrities, whether they swear by Soloviev or Kant or Marx. Only individuals seek the truth, and they shun those whose sole concern is not the truth.

~Boris Pasternak

The whole wide world is a cathedral; I stand inside, the air is calm, And from afar at times there reaches My ear the echo of a psalm.

~Boris Pasternak

Mother Russia is on the move, she can't stand still, she's restless and can't find rest, she's talking and she can't stop.

~Boris Pasternak

During the last years of Mayakovski's life, when all poetry had ceased to exist . . . literature had stopped.

~Boris Pasternak

But what are pity, conscience, or fear To the brazen pair, compared With the living sorcery Of their hot embraces?

~Boris Pasternak

But who are we, where do we come from When all those years Nothing but idle talk is left And we are nowhere in the world?" = MEETING =

~Boris Pasternak

... the unarmed power of naked truth.

~Boris Pasternak

She was here on earth to make sense of its wild enchantments.

~Boris Pasternak

In this era of world wars, in this atomic age, values have changed. We

have learned that we are guests of existence, travelers between two stations. We must discover security within ourselves.

~Boris Pasternak

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