

Carson McCullers

Quotes

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Is A Lonely Hunter, Soul, Loneliness, Children, Real, Doctors, Two, Long,
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We are torn between nostalgia for the familiar and an urge for the foreign and strange. As often as not, we are homesick most for the places we have never known.

~Carson McCullers

We are homesick most for the places we have never known.

~Carson McCullers

Nothing is so musical as the sound of pouring bourbon for the first drink on a Sunday morning. Not Bach or Schubert or any of those masters.

~Carson McCullers

The writer is by nature a dreamer - a conscious dreamer.

~Carson McCullers

Falling in love is the easiest thing in the world. It's standing in love that matters.

~Carson McCullers

How can the dead be truly dead when they still live in the souls of those who are left behind?

~Carson McCullers

Love is a joint experience between two persons -- but the fact that it is a joint experience does not mean that it is a similar experience to the two people involved.

~Carson McCullers

The mind is like a richly woven tapestry in which the colors are distilled from the experiences of the senses, and the design drawn from the convolutions of the intellect.

~Carson McCullers

The thinking mind is best controlled by the imagination.

~Carson McCullers

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.

~Carson McCullers

Iâ€™m a stranger in a strange land.

~Carson McCullers

I think we look for the differences in people because it makes us less lonely.

~Carson McCullers

I have never gone to a doctor in my adult life, feeling instinctively that doctors meant either cutting or, just as bad, diet.

~Carson McCullers

To know who you are, you have to have a place to come from.

~Carson McCullers

Next to music beer was best.

~Carson McCullers

It was like she was cheated. Only nobody had cheated her. So there was nobody to take it out on. However, just the same she had that feeling. Cheated.

~Carson McCullers

I got to wear blinders all the time so I won't think sideways or in the past.

~Carson McCullers

Maybe when people longed for a thing that bad the longing made them trust in anything that might give it to them.

~Carson McCullers

I live with the people I create and it has always made my essential loneliness less keen.

~Carson McCullers

Writing, for me, is a search for God.

~Carson McCullers

It was better to be in a jail where you could bang the walls than in a jail you could not see.

~Carson McCullers

the way i need you is a loneliness i cannot bear.

~Carson McCullers

I have more to say than Hemingway, and God knows, I say it better than Faulkner.

~Carson McCullers

The trouble with me is that for a long time I have just been an I person. All people belong to a We except me. Not to belong to a We makes you too lonesome.

~Carson McCullers

There's nothing that makes you so aware of the improvisation of human existence as a song unfinished. Or an old address book.

~Carson McCullers

I am not meant to be alone and without you who understands.

~Carson McCullers

It is music that causes the heart to broaden and the listener to grow cold with ecstasy and fright.

~Carson McCullers

Imagination takes humility, love and great courage.

~Carson McCullers

There is no stillness like the quiet of the first cold nights in the fall.

~Carson McCullers

The seed of the idea is developed by both labor and the unconscious, and the struggle that goes on between them.

~Carson McCullers

All we can do is go around telling the truth.

~Carson McCullers

The writer must hew the phantom rock.

~Carson McCullers

She stood in front of the mirror a long time, and finally decided she either looked like a sap or else she looked very beautiful. One or the other.

~Carson McCullers

I must go home periodically to renew my sense of horror.

~Carson McCullers

The most fatal thing a man can do is try to stand alone.

~Carson McCullers

The closest thing to being cared for is to care for someone else.

~Carson McCullers

A most mediocre person can be the object of a love which is wild, extravagant, and beautiful as the poison lillies of the swamp.

~Carson McCullers

Doctors, by God; washing their hands, looking out windows, fiddling with dreadful things while you are stretched out on a table or half undressed on a chair.

~Carson McCullers

The people dreamed and fought and slept as much as ever. And by habit they shortened their thoughts so that they would not wander out into the darkness beyond tomorrow.

~Carson McCullers

We wander, question. But the answer waits in each separate heart - the answer of our own identity and the way by which we can master loneliness and feel that at last we belong.

~Carson McCullers

Don't you loathe it when doctors use the word 'we' when it applies only and solely to yourself?

~Carson McCullers

Resentment is the most precious flower of poverty.

~Carson McCullers

justice itself is a chimera, a delusion. Justice is not a flat yardstick, applied in equal measure to an equal situation.

~Carson McCullers

I want - I want - I want - was all that she could think about - but just what this real want was she did not know.

~Carson McCullers

The value and quality of any love is determined solely by the lover himself.

~Carson McCullers

Death is the great gamer with a sleeve of tricks.

~Carson McCullers

Jesus would be framed and in jail if he was living today.

~Carson McCullers

Coming down was the hardest part of any climbing.

~Carson McCullers

I do not have any home. So why should I be homesick?

~Carson McCullers

I was like a cat always climbing the wrong tree.

~Carson McCullers

The human heart is a lonely hunter-but the search for us southerners is more anguished.

~Carson McCullers

I see a green tree. And to me it is green. And you would call the tree green also. And we would agree on this. But is the colour you see as green the same colour I see as green?

~Carson McCullers

You don't know what it is to store up a lot of details and then come upon something real.

~Carson McCullers

Comparing the Brooklyn that I know with Manhattan is like comparing a comfortable and complacent duenna to her more brilliant and neurotic sister.

~Carson McCullers

When a person knows and can't make the others understand, what

does he do?

~Carson McCullers

There are the lover and the beloved, but these two come from different countries.

~Carson McCullers

Sunday afternoons are the longest afternoons of all.

~Carson McCullers

That was the best of all. To speak the truth and be attended.

~Carson McCullers

Passion is more important than justice.

~Carson McCullers

But all the time-no matter what she was doing-there was music.

~Carson McCullers

There was hope in him, and soon perhaps the outline of his journey would take form.

~Carson McCullers

The theme is the theme of humiliation, which is the square root of sin, as opposed to the freedom from humiliation, and love, which is the square root of wonderful.

~Carson McCullers

While Time, The endless idiot, runs screaming round the world.

~Carson McCullers

Some men are heroes by nature in that they will give all that is in them without regard to the effort or to the personal returns.

~Carson McCullers

Because in some men it is in them to give up everything personal at some time, before it ferments and poisons--throw it to some human being or some human idea. They have to.

~Carson McCullers

The world is certainly a sudden place.

~Carson McCullers

They are the we of me.

~Carson McCullers

Sometimes this fellow's music was like little colored pieces of crystal candy, and other times it was the softest, saddest thing she had ever imagined about.

~Carson McCullers

Love is the main generator of all good writing... Love, passion, compassion, are all welded together.

~Carson McCullers

But the hearts of small children are delicate organs. A cruel beginning in this world can twist them into curious shapes.

~Carson McCullers

Owing to the fact he was a mute they were able to give him all the qualities they wanted him to have.

~Carson McCullers

And the curt truth is that, in a deep secret way, the state of being loved is intolerable to many.

~Carson McCullers

Once you have lived with another, it is a great torture to have to live alone.

~Carson McCullers

People, unless they are nilly-willy or very sick, cannot be taken into the hands and be changed overnight into something more worth-while and profitable.

~Carson McCullers

His own life seemed so solitary, a fragile column supporting nothing amidst the wreckage of the years.

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