

Catullus Quotes

*Love, Hate, Writing, Air, Laughter, Gratitude, Laughing, Grateful, Running,
Giving Up, Sparrows, Giving, Silly, Tears, Women, Delight, Bye, Two, Book,
Difficult*

Give me a thousand kisses, then a hundred, then a thousand more.

~Catullus

I hate and I love. And if you ask me how, I do not know: I only feel it, and I am torn in two.

~Catullus

It is difficult to lay aside a confirmed passion.

~Catullus

But you shall not escape my iambics.

~Catullus

Who now travels that dark path from whose bourne they say no one returns. [Lat., Qui nunc it per iter tenebricosum Illue unde negant redire quemquam.]

~Catullus

I can imagine no greater misfortune for a cultured people than to see in the hands of the rulers not only the civil, but also the religious power.

~Catullus

Godlike the man who sits at her side, who watches and catches that laughter which (softly) tears me to tatters: nothing is left of me, each time I see her.

~Catullus

Give up wanting to deserve any thanks from anyone, or thinking anybody can be grateful.

~Catullus

Better a sparrow, living or dead, than no birdsong at all.

~Catullus

Nothing is more silly than silly laughter.

~Catullus

What woman says to fond lover should be written on air or the swift water. [Lat., Mulier cupido quod dicit amanti, In vento et rapida scribere oportet aqua.]

~Catullus

Every one has his faults: but we do not see the wallet on our own backs.

~Catullus

Oh, this age! How tasteless and ill bred it is!

~Catullus

We see not our own backs.

~Catullus

I hate and I love. Perchance you ask why I do that. I know not, but I feel that I do and I am tortured. [Lat., Odi et amo. Quare id faciam, fortasse requiris. Nescio, sed fieri sentio et excrucior.]

~Catullus

Now Spring restores the balmy heat, now Zephyr's sweet breezes calm the rage of the equinoctial sky.

~Catullus

For the godly poet must be chaste himself, but there is no need for his verses to be so.

~Catullus

I hate and love. You ask, perhaps, how can that be? I know not, but I feel the agony.

~Catullus

There is nothing more foolish than a foolish laugh. Risu inepto res ineptior nulla est

~Catullus

Let us live, my Lesbia, and let us love. Vivamus, mea Lesbia, atque amemus

~Catullus

It is difficult to suddenly give up a long love. Difficile est longum subito deponere amorem

~Catullus

What a woman says to an eager lover, write it on running water, write it on air.

~Catullus

Brother, hello and good-bye. Frater, ave atque vale

~Catullus

Stop wishing to merit anyone's gratitude or thinking that anyone can become grateful.

~Catullus

I hate and love. And why, perhaps you'll ask. I don't know: but I feel, and I'm tormented.

~Catullus

So a maiden, whilst she remains untouched, so long is she dear to her own; when she has lost her chaste flower with sullied body, she remains neither lovely to boys nor dear to girls.

~Catullus

My lady's sparrow is dead, the sparrow which was my lady's delight

~Catullus

Away with you, water, destruction of wine!

~Catullus

The vows that woman makes to her fond lover are only fit to be written on air or on the swiftly passing stream.

~Catullus

To whom do I give my new elegant little book? Cui dono lepidum novum libellum?

~Catullus

I write of youth, of love, and have access by these to sing of cleanly wantonness.

~Catullus

The confounding of all right and wrong, in wild fury, has averted from us the gracious favor of the gods.

~Catullus

My mind's sunk so low, Claudia, because of you, wrecked itself on your account so bad already, that I couldn't like you if you were the best of women, -or stop loving you, no matter what you do.

~Catullus

There is nothing more silly than a silly laugh.

~Catullus

What women say to lovers, you'll agree, One writes on running water or on air.

~Catullus

I hate and I love, and who can tell me why?

~Catullus

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