

Charles Lamb

Quotes

*Men, Book, Children, Thinking, Heart, Love, Sweet, Eye, Reading, Mind, World,
Smoking, Dream, Years, Doe, Childhood, Time, Garden, Might, Hate*

Cards are war, in disguise of a sport.

~Charles Lamb

All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

~Charles Lamb

The greatest pleasure I know, is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

~Charles Lamb

Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever.

~Charles Lamb

I always arrive late at the office, but I make up for it by leaving early.

~Charles Lamb

How some they have died, and some they have left me, And some are taken from me; all are departed; All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

~Charles Lamb

I have had playmates, I have had companions; In my days of childhood, in my joyful school days - All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.

~Charles Lamb

A poor relation is the most irrelevant thing in nature.

~Charles Lamb

How convalescence shrinks a man back to his pristine stature! where is now the space, which he occupied so lately, in his own, in the family's eye?

~Charles Lamb

For God's sake (I never was more serious) don't make me ridiculous

any more by terming me gentle-hearted in print.

~Charles Lamb

My motto is: Contented with little, yet wishing for more.

~Charles Lamb

Of all sound of all bells... most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the Old Year.

~Charles Lamb

The teller of a mirthful tale has latitude allowed him. We are content with less than absolute truth.

~Charles Lamb

Tis the privilege of friendship to talk nonsense, and to have nonsense respected.

~Charles Lamb

We are nothing; less than nothing, and dreams. We are only what might have been.

~Charles Lamb

Asparagus inspires gentle thoughts.

~Charles Lamb

I am in love with this green Earth.

~Charles Lamb

We grow gray in our spirit long before we grow gray in our hair.

~Charles Lamb

I mean your borrowers of books - those mutilators of collections, spoilers of the symmetry of shelves, and creators of odd volumes.

~Charles Lamb

Those evening bells! those evening bells! How many a tale their music tells
Of youth and home, and that sweet time When last I heard their soothing chime!

~Charles Lamb

This world is all a fleeting show, For man's illusion given The smiles of joy,
the tears of woe, Deceitful shine, deceitful flow, Theres nothing true but Heaven.

~Charles Lamb

Lawyers, I suppose, were children once.

~Charles Lamb

No one ever regarded the First of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time, and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam.

~Charles Lamb

The trumpet does not more stun you by its loudness, than a whisper teases you by its provoking inaudibility.

~Charles Lamb

A sweet child is the sweetest thing in nature.

~Charles Lamb

Man is a gaming animal. He must always be trying to get the better in something or other.

~Charles Lamb

Coleridge declares that a man cannot have a good conscience who refuses apple dumplings, and I confess that I am of the same opinion.

~Charles Lamb

No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference.

~Charles Lamb

A man cannot have a pure mind who refuses apple dumplings.

~Charles Lamb

A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market.

~Charles Lamb

Oh for a tongue to curse the slave Whose treason, like a deadly blight,
Comes o'er the councils of the brave, And blasts them in their hour of
might!

~Charles Lamb

I have been trying all my life to like Scotchmen, and am obliged to
desist from the experiment in despair.

~Charles Lamb

A clear fire, a clean hearth, and the rigour of the game.

~Charles Lamb

Dr Parr...asked him, how he had acquired his power of smoking at such
a rate? Lamb replied, 'I toiled after it, sir, as some men toil after virtue.'

~Charles Lamb

May my last breath be drawn through a pipe, and exhaled in a jest.

~Charles Lamb

He is no lawyer who cannot take two sides.

~Charles Lamb

Pain is life - the sharper, the more evidence of life.

~Charles Lamb

Let us live for the beauty of our own reality.

~Charles Lamb

How sickness enlarges the dimension of a man's self to himself!

~Charles Lamb

I am in love with the green earth.

~Charles Lamb

We encourage one another in mediocrity.

~Charles Lamb

For with G. D., to be absent from the body is sometimes (not to speak profanely) to be present with the Lord.

~Charles Lamb

Brandy and water spoils two good things.

~Charles Lamb

We do not go to the theatre like our ancestors, to escape from the pressure of reality, so much as to confirm our experience of it.

~Charles Lamb

Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?

~Charles Lamb

My only books Were woman's looks,- And folly 's all they 've taught me.

~Charles Lamb

We are nothing; less than nothing, and dreams. We are only what might have been, and must wait upon the tedious shores of Lethe millions of ages before we have existence, and a name.

~Charles Lamb

A Persian's heaven is eas'ly made: 'T is but black eyes and lemonade.

~Charles Lamb

To be sick is to enjoy monarchical prerogatives.

~Charles Lamb

The measure of choosing well, is, whether a man likes and finds good in what he has chosen.

~Charles Lamb

A pun is not bound by the laws which limit nicer wit. It is a pistol let off at the ear; not a feather to tickle the intellect.

~Charles Lamb

Credulity is the man's weakness, but the child's strength.

~Charles Lamb

The red-letter days, now become, to all intents and purposes, dead-letter days.

~Charles Lamb

I know that a sweet child is the sweetest thing in nature, not even excepting the delicate creatures which bear them.

~Charles Lamb

Newspapers always excite curiosity. No one ever puts one down without the feeling of disappointment.

~Charles Lamb

The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend.

~Charles Lamb

Riches are chiefly good because they give us time.

~Charles Lamb

Don't introduce me to that man! I want to go on hating him, and I can't hate a man whom I know.

~Charles Lamb

Nothing puzzles me more than time and space; and yet nothing troubles me less, as I never think about them.

~Charles Lamb

Mother's love grows by giving.

~Charles Lamb

I cannot sit and think; books think for me.

~Charles Lamb

I'd like to grow very old as slowly as possible.

~Charles Lamb

We gain nothing by being with such as ourselves. We encourage one another in mediocrity. I am always longing to be with men more excellent than myself.

~Charles Lamb

Is the world all grown up? Is childhood dead? Or is there not in the bosom of the wisest and the best some of the child's heart left, to respond to its earliest enchantments?

~Charles Lamb

If there be a regal solitude, it is a sick-bed. How the patient lords it there!

~Charles Lamb

The beggar wears all colors fearing none.

~Charles Lamb

A babe is fed with milk and praise.

~Charles Lamb

I love to lose myself in other men's minds.... Books think for me.

~Charles Lamb

My theory is to enjoy life, but my practice is against it.

~Charles Lamb

Man is a gaming animal.

~Charles Lamb

Oh call it by some better name, For friendship sounds too cold.

~Charles Lamb

(The pig) hath a fair sepulchre in the grateful stomach of the judicious epicure - and for such a tomb might be content to die.

~Charles Lamb

It is good to love the unknown.

~Charles Lamb

He has left off reading altogether, to the great improvement of his originality.

~Charles Lamb

The world meets nobody half way.

~Charles Lamb

I am determined that my children shall be brought up in their father's religion, if they can find out what it is.

~Charles Lamb

Literature is a bad crutch, but a good walking-stick.

~Charles Lamb

Not many sounds in life, and I include all urban and all rural sounds, exceed in interest a knock at the door.

~Charles Lamb

Some people have a knack of putting upon you gifts of no real value, to engage you to substantial gratitude. We thank them for nothing.

~Charles Lamb

The Muses were dumb while Apollo lectured.

~Charles Lamb

New Year's Day is every man's birthday.

~Charles Lamb

Clap an extinguisher upon your irony if you are unhappily blessed with a vein of it.

~Charles Lamb

Anything awful makes me laugh. I misbehaved once at a funeral.

~Charles Lamb

A garden was the primitive prison, till man with Promethean felicity and boldness, luckily sinned himself out of it.

~Charles Lamb

His voice was the most obnoxious squeak I ever was tormented with.

~Charles Lamb

Satire does not look pretty upon a tombstone.

~Charles Lamb

He who hath not a dram of folly in his mixture hath pounds of much worse matter in his composition.

~Charles Lamb

I hate a man who swallows [his food], affecting not to know what he is eating. I suspect his taste in higher matters.

~Charles Lamb

The true poet dreams being awake.

~Charles Lamb

Fly not yet; 't is just the hour
When pleasure, like the midnight flower
That scorns the eye of vulgar light,
Begins to bloom for sons of night
And maids who love the moon.

~Charles Lamb

The truant Fancy was a wanderer ever.

~Charles Lamb

Oh, breathe not his name! let it sleep in the shade,
Where cold and unhonour'd his relics are laid

~Charles Lamb

We all have some taste or other, of too ancient a date to admit of our remembering it was an acquired one.

~Charles Lamb

Shakespeare is one of the last books one should like to give up,
perhaps the one just before the Dying Service in a large Prayer book.

~Charles Lamb

Your absence of mind we have borne, till your presence of body came

to be called in question by it.

~Charles Lamb

For thy sake, tobacco, I would do anything but die.

~Charles Lamb

I toiled after it, sir, as some men toil after virtue.

~Charles Lamb

Half as sober as a judge.

~Charles Lamb

Riddle of destiny, who can show
What thy short visit meant, or know
What thy errand here below?

~Charles Lamb

Boys are capital fellows in their own way, among their mates; but they are unwholesome companions for grown people.

~Charles Lamb

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