

Charlotte Bronte

Quotes

*Heart, Eye, Men, Thinking, Believe, Night, Hate, Spring, Pain, Giving, Hands,
Years, Feelings, Soul, World, Life, Flower, Firsts, Strong, Love*

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~Charlotte Bronte

The idea of seeing the sea - of being near it - watching its changes by sunrise, sunset, moonlight, and noonday - in calm, perhaps in storm - fills and satisfies my mind.

~Charlotte Bronte

A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow.

~Charlotte Bronte

Crying does not indicate that you are weak. Since birth, it has always been a sign that you are alive.

~Charlotte Bronte

I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward.

~Charlotte Bronte

There is no happiness like that of being loved by your fellow creatures, and feeling that your presence is an addition to their comfort.

~Charlotte Bronte

Whatever my powers--feminine or the contrary--God had given them, and I felt resolute to be ashamed of no faculty of his bestowal.

~Charlotte Bronte

Oh madam, when you put bread and cheese, instead of burnt porridge, into these children's mouths, you may indeed feed their vile bodies, but you little think how you starve their immortal souls!

~Charlotte Bronte

Good-night, my-" He stopped, bit his lip, and abruptly left me.

~Charlotte Bronte

I knew you would do me good in some way, at some time--I saw it in your eyes when I first beheld you.

~Charlotte Bronte

I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will.

~Charlotte Bronte

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion. To attack the first is not to assail the last.

~Charlotte Bronte

The human heart has hidden treasures, In secret kept, in silence sealed; The thoughts, the hopes, the dreams, the pleasures, Whose charms were broken if revealed.

~Charlotte Bronte

God did not give me my life to throw it away.

~Charlotte Bronte

Better to be without logic than without feeling.

~Charlotte Bronte

What you want to ignite in others must first burn inside yourself.

~Charlotte Bronte

Life is so constructed, that the event does not, cannot, will not, match the expectation.

~Charlotte Bronte

I am not an angel," I asserted; "and I will not be one till I die: I will be myself.

~Charlotte Bronte

To the dear eye and eloquent tongue, to the soul made of fire, and the character that bends but does not break... I am ever tender and true.

~Charlotte Bronte

The trouble is not that I am single and likely to stay single, but that I am lonely and likely to stay lonely.

~Charlotte Bronte

'My bride is here,' Rochester said , again drawing me to him, 'because my equal is here, and my likeness. Jane, will you marry me?'

~Charlotte Bronte

Feeling without judgement is a washy draught indeed; but judgement untempered by feeling is too bitter and husky a morsel for human deglutition.

~Charlotte Bronte

Remorse is the poison of life.

~Charlotte Bronte

Human beings must have action; and they will make it if they cannot find it.

~Charlotte Bronte

Friendship however is a plant which cannot be forced -- true friendship is no gourd spring up in a night and withering in a day.

~Charlotte Bronte

The shadows are as important as the light.

~Charlotte Bronte

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But life is a battle: may we all be enabled to fight it well!

~Charlotte Bronte

I feel monotony and death to be almost the same.

~Charlotte Bronte

Out of association grows adhesion, and out of adhesion amalgamation.

~Charlotte Bronte

Happiness quite unshared can scarcely be called happiness; it has no taste.

~Charlotte Bronte

Every atom of your flesh is as dear to me as my own: in pain and sickness it would still be dear.

~Charlotte Bronte

Oh! that gentleness! how far more potent is it than force!

~Charlotte Bronte

I have not broken your heart - you have broken it; and in breaking it, you have broken mine.

~Charlotte Bronte

If all the world hated you, and believed you wicked, while your own conscience approved you, and absolved you from guilt, you would not be without friends.

~Charlotte Bronte

I don't call you handsome, sir, though I love you most dearly: far too dearly to flatter you. Don't flatter me.

~Charlotte Bronte

If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship we must love friends for their sake rather than for our own.

~Charlotte Bronte

If he does go, the change will be doleful. Suppose he should be absent spring, summer, and autumn: how joyless sunshine and fine days will seem!

~Charlotte Bronte

Die without me if you will. Live for me if you dare.

~Charlotte Bronte

There is, in lovers, a certain infatuation of egotism; they will have a witness of their happiness, cost that witness what it may.

~Charlotte Bronte

Look twice before you leap.

~Charlotte Bronte

I can be on guard against my enemies, but God deliver me from my friends!

~Charlotte Bronte

The cool peace and dewy sweetness of the night filled me with a mood of hope: not hope on any definite point, but a general sense of encouragement and heart-ease.

~Charlotte Bronte

Men judge us by the success of our efforts. God looks at the efforts themselves.

~Charlotte Bronte

But afterwards, is there nothing more for me in life - no true home - nothing to be dearer to me than myself?

~Charlotte Bronte

True enthusiasm is a fine feeling whose flash I admire where-ever I see it.

~Charlotte Bronte

But what is so headstrong as youth? What so blind as inexperience?

~Charlotte Bronte

The soul, fortunately, has an interpreter - often an unconscious, but still a truthful interpreter - in the eye.

~Charlotte Bronte

I would always rather be happy than dignified.

~Charlotte Bronte

Spring drew on... and a greenness grew over those brown beds, which, freshening daily, suggested the thought that hope traversed them at night and left each morning brighter traces of her steps.

~Charlotte Bronte

Youth has its romance, and maturity its wisdom, as morning and spring have their freshness, noon and summer their power, night and winter their repose. Each attribute is good in its own season.

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Men, in general, are a sort of scum, very different to anything of which

you have an idea.

~Charlotte Bronte

Fair as a lily, and not only the pride of life, but the desire of his eyes

~Charlotte Bronte

There's no use in weeping, Though we are condemned to part: There's such a thing as keeping, A remembrance in one's heart.

~Charlotte Bronte

Take my love. One day share my life. Be my dearest, first on earth.

~Charlotte Bronte

I believe in some blending of hope and sunshine sweetening the worst lots. I believe that this life is not all; neither the beginning nor the end. I believe while I tremble; I trust while I weep.

~Charlotte Bronte

If life be a war, it seemed my destiny to conduct it single-handed.

~Charlotte Bronte

To you I am neither man nor woman. I come before you as an author only. It is the sole standard by which you have a right to judge me--the sole ground on which I accept your judgment.

~Charlotte Bronte

That to begin with; let respect be the foundation, affection the first floor, love the superstructure.

~Charlotte Bronte

Talented people almost always know full well the excellence that is in them.

~Charlotte Bronte

A beauty neither of fine colour nor long eyelash, nor pencilled brow, but of meaning, of movement, of radiance.

~Charlotte Bronte

Rapidly, merrily, Life's sunny hours flit by, Gratefully, cheerily Enjoy them as they fly!

~Charlotte Bronte

It is a pity that doing one's best does not always answer.

~Charlotte Bronte

I believe that creature is a changeling: she is a perfect cabinet of oddities.

~Charlotte Bronte

Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow firm there, firm as weeds among stones.

~Charlotte Bronte

I'm just going to write because I cannot help it.

~Charlotte Bronte

You mocking changeling- fairy-born and human-bred!

~Charlotte Bronte

Unlawful pleasure, trenching on another's rights, is delusive and envenomed pleasure—its hollowness disappoints at the time, its poison cruelly tortures afterwards, its effects deprave forever.

~Charlotte Bronte

It is in vain to say human beings ought to be satisfied with tranquility: they must have action; and they will make it if they cannot find it.

~Charlotte Bronte

You are afraid of me, because I talk like a sphinx.

~Charlotte Bronte

Liberty lends us her wings and Hope guides us by her star.

~Charlotte Bronte

I care for myself. The more solitary, the more friendless, the more unsustained I am, the more I will respect myself.

~Charlotte Bronte

I like rudeness a great deal better than flattery.

~Charlotte Bronte

I wished critics would judge me as an author, not as a woman.

~Charlotte Bronte

It is far better to endure patiently a smart which nobody feels but yourself, than to commit a hasty action whose evil consequences will extend to all connected with you.

~Charlotte Bronte

We should acknowledge God merciful, but not always for us comprehensible.

~Charlotte Bronte

Better to try all things and find all empty, than to try nothing and leave your life a blank.

~Charlotte Bronte

Beauty is in the eye of the gazer.

~Charlotte Bronte

Of a little morning rain Foretells a pleasant day.

~Charlotte Bronte

Memory in youth is active and easily impressible; in old age it is comparatively callous to new impressions, but still retains vividly those of earlier years.

~Charlotte Bronte

I like this day; I like that sky of steel; I like the sternness and stillness of the world under this frost.

~Charlotte Bronte

He made me love him without looking at me.

~Charlotte Bronte

Consistency, madam, is the first of Christian duties.

~Charlotte Bronte

Give him enough rope and he will hang himself.

~Charlotte Bronte

A depressing and difficult passage has prefaced every page I have turned in life.

~Charlotte Bronte

Mr. Rochester, I no more assign this fate to you than I grasp at it for myself. We were born to strive and endure - you as well as I: do so. You will forget me before I forget you.

~Charlotte Bronte

Well had Solomon said, 'Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

~Charlotte Bronte

The eagerness of a listener quickens the tongue of a narrator.

~Charlotte Bronte

Cheerfulness, it would appear, is a matter which depends fully as much on the state of things within, as on the state of things without and around us.

~Charlotte Bronte

It is not violence that best overcomes hate -- nor vengeance that most certainly heals injury.

~Charlotte Bronte

When we are struck at without a reason, we should strike back again very hard; I am sure we should - so hard as to teach the person who struck us never to do it again.

~Charlotte Bronte

Would you not be happier if you tried to forget her severity, together with the passionate emotions it excited? Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity, or registering wrongs.

~Charlotte Bronte

I am always easy of belief when the creed pleases me.

~Charlotte Bronte

Reserved people often really need the frank discussion of their sentiments and griefs more than the expansive.

~Charlotte Bronte

The writer who possesses the creative gift owns something of which he is not always master - something that, at times, strangely wills and works for itself.

~Charlotte Bronte

I am not deceitful: if I were, I should say I loved you; but I declare I do not love you: I dislike you the worst of anybody in the world.

~Charlotte Bronte

You know full well as I do the value of sisters' affections: There is nothing like it in this world.

~Charlotte Bronte

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