

# Coventry Patmore Quotes

*Men, Love, Sweet, Care, Light, Dream, Eye, Asks, Common, Sunshine, Long,  
Soul, Coventry, Wise, Believe, Book, Hatred, God, Remember, Love You*

To one who waits, all things reveal themselves so long as you have the courage not to deny in the darkness what you have seen in the light.

~Coventry Patmore

A saint is a person who does almost everything any other decent person does, only somewhat better and with a totally different motive.

~Coventry Patmore

One fool will deny more truth in half an hour than a wise man can prove in seven years.

~Coventry Patmore

Ah, whither shall a maiden flee, When a bold youth so swift pursues,  
And siege of tenderest courtesy, With hope perseverant, still renews!

~Coventry Patmore

Great is his faith who dares believe his own eyes.

~Coventry Patmore

It is one thing to be blind, and another to be in darkness.

~Coventry Patmore

A woman is a foreign land.

~Coventry Patmore

The sunshine dreaming upon Salmon's heights  
Is not so sweet and white  
As the most heretofore sin-spotted Soul  
That darts to its delight  
Straight from the absolution of a faithful fight.

~Coventry Patmore

Ask abundantly, for the measure of your asking shall be that of your receiving.

~Coventry Patmore

The promises of God are samples of what is promised; as a handful of wheat is of the barn.

~Coventry Patmore

Every evil is some good spelt backwards, and in it the wise know how to read Wisdom.

~Coventry Patmore

Uncommon things must be said in common words.

~Coventry Patmore

Creation differs from subsistence only as the first leap of a fountain differs from its continuance.

~Coventry Patmore

The ardour chills us which we do not share.

~Coventry Patmore

A moment's fruition of a true felicity is enough and eternity not too much.

~Coventry Patmore

Fortunately for themselves and the world, nearly all men are cowards and dare not act on what they believe. Nearly all our disasters come of a few fools having the "courage of their convictions."

~Coventry Patmore

The more wild and incredible your desire, the more willing and prompt God is in fulfilling it, if you will have it so.

~Coventry Patmore

The midge's wing beats to and fro A thousand times ere one can utter O.

~Coventry Patmore

How light the touches are that kiss the music from the chords of life!

~Coventry Patmore

Love wakes men, once a lifetime each; They lift their heavy lids, and look; And, lo, what one sweet page can teach They read with joy, then shut the book.

~Coventry Patmore

Kind souls, you wonder why, love you, When you, you wonder why, love none We love, Fool, for the good we do, Not that which unto us is done!

~Coventry Patmore

Let me love Thee so that the honour, riches, and pleasures of the world may seem unworthy even of hatred - may not even be encumbrances.

~Coventry Patmore

Life is not life at all without delight.

~Coventry Patmore

For want of me the world's course will not fail; When all its work is done the lie shall rot; The truth is great and shall prevail When none cares whether it prevail or not.

~Coventry Patmore

Those who know God know that it is quite a mistake to suppose that there are only five senses.

~Coventry Patmore

The modern Agnostic improves upon the ancient by adding "I don't care" to "I don't know."

~Coventry Patmore

The moods of love are like the wind, And none knows whence or why

they rise.

~Coventry Patmore

What a Lover sees in the Beloved is the projected shadow of his own potential beauty in the eyes of God.

~Coventry Patmore

They who ask for no sign shall have many.

~Coventry Patmore

To have nought is to have all things without care or thought!

~Coventry Patmore

I drew my bride, beneath the moon, Across my threshold; happy hour!  
But, ah, the walk that afternoon We saw the water-flags in flower!

~Coventry Patmore

O, Heart, remember thee That Man is none, Save One.

~Coventry Patmore

Science is a line, art a superficies, and life or the knowledge of God, a solid.

~Coventry Patmore

All the love and joy that a man has ever received in perception is laid up in him as the sunshine of a hundred years is laid up in the bole of the oak.

~Coventry Patmore

Uncommon things must be said in common words, if you would have them to be received in less than a century.

~Coventry Patmore

None thrives for long upon the happiest dream.

~Coventry Patmore

All reasoning ends in an appeal to self-evidence.

~Coventry Patmore

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