

# David Levithan

## Quotes

*Thinking, People, Want, Mean, Way, Believe, Giving, Feelings, Kissing, Trying, Moments, Together, Long, Knows, Fall, Two, Needs, Love You, Book, Love Is*

Remember that at any given moment there are a thousand things you can love.

~David Levithan

Life tells you to take the elevator, but love tells you to take the stairs.

~David Levithan

Kindness connects to who you are, while niceness connects to how you want to be seen.

~David Levithan

The older I get, the more I lose my ability to breathe.

~David Levithan

A photograph is a souvenir of a memory. It is not a moment. It is the looking at the photograph that becomes the moment. Your own moment.

~David Levithan

The words that matter always stay.

~David Levithan

motif, n. You don't love me as much as I love you. You don't love me as much as I love you. You don't love me as much as I love you.

~David Levithan

It was a mistake," you said. But the cruel thing was, it felt like the mistake was mine, for trusting you.

~David Levithan

You have to believe there are kisses and laughs and risks worth taking.

~David Levithan

Things that matter are not easy. Feelings of happiness are easy. Happiness is not. Flirting is easy. Love is not. Saying you're friends is easy. Being friends is not.

~David Levithan

We always see our worst selves. Our most vulnerable selves. We need someone else to get close enough to tell us we're wrong. Someone we trust.

~David Levithan

why won't they leave me alone? don't they realize I have a tinder heart and a paper body and that any spark will turn me straight to ash?

~David Levithan

...because if you can make yourself happy in the rain then you're doing pretty alright in life.

~David Levithan

We are so used to releasing words, we don't know what to do with them if they stay. No matter how many times we let them go, they come back. The words that matter always stay.

~David Levithan

Trying to write about love is ultimately like trying to have a dictionary represent life. No matter how many words there are, there will never be enough.

~David Levithan

Maybe relationships could have fractals, too. And maybe the sense of loss was when you're becoming a fractal of what you once were to each other.

~David Levithan

I am constantly torn between killing myself and killing everyone around

me.

~David Levithan

The ocean makes its music; the wind does its dance. We hold on. At first we hold on to one another, but then it starts to feel like we are holding on to something even bigger than that. Greater.

~David Levithan

What separates us from the animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met.

~David Levithan

detachment, n. Even when I detach, I care. You can be separate from a thing and still care about it.

~David Levithan

If you zoom close-if you get really close to someone, if you really get close to yourself-then you lose the other person, you lose yourself entirely. You get so close you can't see anything anymore.

~David Levithan

Once the storm comes out, the landscape changes. What you had before is altered in some way. And you have a choice: build something new and better from what is left or abandon it.

~David Levithan

There are all these moments you don't think you will survive. And then you survive.

~David Levithan

Some days are like this. And the only way to get through them is to remember that they are only one day, and that every day ends.

~David Levithan

And maybe it is only by finding yourself that you can feel the true intensity of becoming close to another person.

~David Levithan

you ask me what I'm looking for, and I outline you. you don't recognize the shape, offer other names. you say my time will come, and I hope.

~David Levithan

I never felt the urge to jump off a bridge, but there are times I have wanted to jump out of my life, out of my skin.

~David Levithan

People are rarely as attractive in reality as they are in the eyes of the people who are in love with them. Which is, I suppose, as it should be.

~David Levithan

If I'm not telling you something, it's for a reason. Just because you trust me, it doesn't mean I have to automatically trust you. Trust doesn't work like that.

~David Levithan

I guess I don't believe these things can ever be easy, although I also don't see why they have to be hard.

~David Levithan

I am stronger than words and I am bigger than the box I'm in, and then I see her in the crowd and I fall apart.

~David Levithan

Happiness is so rarely a part of my vocabulary, because for me it's so fleeting

~David Levithan

Do not just seek happiness for yourself. Seek happiness for all.

Through kindness. Through mercy.

~David Levithan

I am a firm believer in serendipity- all the random pieces coming together in one wonderful moment, when suddenly you see what their purpose was all along.

~David Levithan

Family, like arsenic, works best in small doses...unless you prefer to die.

~David Levithan

We love and we feel and we try and we hope.

~David Levithan

Part of growing up is making sure your sense of reality isn't entirely grounded in your own mind.

~David Levithan

Laughter rarely lasts longer than a few seconds, it's true. But how enjoyable those few seconds are.

~David Levithan

The mistake is thinking that there can be an antidote to the uncertainty.

~David Levithan

I'll see you later, he says, and as he does, he runs his finger briefly over my wrist. It passes over me like air, and makes me shiver like a kiss.

~David Levithan

You don't know me. You know one me, just like I know one you. And you can't know every me, and I can't know every you.

~David Levithan

Which is more stubborn, the love or the two arguing people caught within it?

~David Levithan

You think you know your possibilities. Then other people come into your life and suddenly there are so many more.

~David Levithan

You spend so much time, so much effort, trying to hold yourself together. And then everything falls apart anyway.

~David Levithan

Every you, every me. Fractals. Fractures.

~David Levithan

Please may this not be a game. Please may this not be a game. Because if it's a game, I know I'm going to lose.

~David Levithan

The clock always ticks. There are times you don't hear it, and there are times that you do.

~David Levithan

Slowly would be better than not at all.

~David Levithan

You know there's no such thing as a complete lie. There's always some truth in there.

~David Levithan

Answerless questions can destroy you. Move on.

~David Levithan

It would be too easy to say that I feel invisible. Instead, I feel painfully

visible, and entirely ignored.

~David Levithan

it's gonna hurt because it matters.

~David Levithan

Self-esteem can be so exhausting. I want to cut my hair, change my clothes, erase the pimple from the near-tip of my nose, and strengthen my upper-arm definition, all in the next hour.

~David Levithan

I can see that the sadness has returned. And it's not a beautiful sadness- beautiful sadness is a myth. Sadness turns our features to clay, not porcelain.

~David Levithan

But there was something about you that made me think of sparks and motion.

~David Levithan

If we actually thought about every decision we made, we'd be paralyzed ... You have to decide which decisions you're actually going to make, and then you have to let the rest of them go.

~David Levithan

I preferred to hang out with the dead, dying, or desperate books - used we call them, in a way that we'd never call a person, unless we meant it cruelly

~David Levithan

I had gotten so used to being alone, but never entirely used to it. Never used to it enough to stop wanting the alternative.

~David Levithan

Beauty comes naturally, but it's hard to be stunning by accident.

~David Levithan

this blue shirt i have is practically the same color as my jeans, and looking all-blue is something only cookie monster can pull off.

~David Levithan

You have to trust the words. They do not create anything more than themselves.

~David Levithan

Here's what breaks us: Even though we know better, we still want everything to be all right.

~David Levithan

This is a difference between us: you desire what other people have, while I desire the things I used to have, or think I might have one day.

~David Levithan

There has to be a moment at the beginning when you wonder whether you're in love with the person or in love with the feeling of love itself.

~David Levithan

Void is when there is absolutely nothing there and the nothing is natural, a complete vacuum. But empty - with empty, you are aware of what's supposed to be there. Empty means something is missing.

~David Levithan

I wake up thinking of yesterday. The joy is in remembering; the pain is in knowing it was yesterday.

~David Levithan

Why do we even bother? Why do we make ourselves so open to such easy damage? Is it all loneliness? Is it all fear? Or is it just to

experience those narcotic moments of belonging with someone else?

~David Levithan

Self-preservation isn't worth it if you can't live with the self you're preserving

~David Levithan

Falling in love with someone doesn't mean you know any better how they feel. It only means you know how you feel.

~David Levithan

She is so lost in her sadness that she has no idea how visible it is.

~David Levithan

She transforms once again into someone carefree, and I transform into someone whose only care is her.

~David Levithan

I get it. The things you hope for the most are the things that destroy you in the end.

~David Levithan

I am a drifter, and as lonely as that can be, it is also remarkably freeing. I will never define myself in terms of anyone else.

~David Levithan

Maybe, it's not the distance that's the problem, but how you handle it.

~David Levithan

The older you get, the wiser you are - this is true. But you also question what use this wisdom is.

~David Levithan

Belonging. Togetherness. These words are as complicated and

confusing as the word love. It's probably all the same thing. Or it would be if we let it be. I can only guess from observation.

~David Levithan

And who am I to blow against the wind?

~David Levithan

Every person is a possibility. The hopeless romantics feel it most acutely, but even for others, the only way to keep going is to see every person as a possibility.

~David Levithan

tiny: did someone die? me: yeah, i did. he smiles again at that. tiny: well, then... welcome to the afterlife.

~David Levithan

Bad Girl!" She chided. "I'm pretty sure Boris is a boy," I said. "Oh, I know," Mrs. Basil E. assured me. "I just like to keep him confused," Then she and Boris headed off with my future.

~David Levithan

I don't like it when you use my shampoo, because then your hair smells like me, not you.

~David Levithan

Measure the hope of that moment, that feeling. Everything else will be measured against it.

~David Levithan

iv. who was it who invented size zero? who was it who promised that if you got to a certain point you would no longer be?

~David Levithan

The more kindness and justice are challenged, the more we must

embrace them. Only when you are challenged - and only when you challenge yourself - do you discover what truly matters.

~David Levithan

That's what the voices in your head are for, to get you through the silent parts.

~David Levithan

When you live as I do, you cannot indulge in jealousy. If you do, it will rip you apart.

~David Levithan

You like him because he's a lost boy. Believe me, I've seen it happen before. But do you know what happens to girls who love lost boys? They become lost themselves. Without fail.

~David Levithan

I don't want you to think I got through this undamaged, okay? But I'm learning to live with it. Because otherwise, the damage is all you are.

~David Levithan

There's no way for them to take away my sadness, but they can make sure I am not empty of all the other feelings.

~David Levithan

Music is everywhere. It's in the air between us, waiting to be sung.

~David Levithan

I could point out that it isn't always easy knowing who you are and what you want, because then you have no excuse for not trying to get it.

~David Levithan

People often say that when couples are married for a long time, they start to look alike. I don't believe that. But I do believe their sentences

start to look alike.

~David Levithan

Magic naturally fades over distance. But proximity - well, when it works, proximity amplifies magic.

~David Levithan

She is my first and only love. Most people know that their first love will not be their only love. But for me, she is both.

~David Levithan

There is no such thing as no choice. There is always a choice. The only question is whether it's a bearable one.

~David Levithan

It's one thing to fall in love. It's another to feel someone else fall in love with you, and to feel a responsibility toward that love.

~David Levithan

Part of love is letting a person be who they want to be

~David Levithan

It's you. You deserve this. There is a reason this is happening to you.

~David Levithan

It's up to you, not fate. True. But it was also up to Lily. That was the trickiest part.

~David Levithan

Luckily, I always travel with a book, just in case I have to wait on line for Santa, or some such inconvenience.

~David Levithan

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