

# Dorothy Fields

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*Song, Writing, Love Is, Reason, Shows, Moving, Feet, Ties, Crazy, Born, Book, Successful, Falling In Love, Sunny, Rhyming, Milieu, Matter, Unhappy, Art, Dust Yourself Off*

The man in our society is the breadwinner; the woman has enough to do as the homemaker, wife and mother.

~Dorothy Fields

Grab your coat, and get your hat  
Leave your worry on the doorstep  
Just direct your feet  
To the sunny side of the street.

~Dorothy Fields

Just direct your feet to the sunny side of the street.

~Dorothy Fields

Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, start all over again.

~Dorothy Fields

A songwriter should have friends who are similarly interested; should move about in the milieu of work he has chosen for himself.

~Dorothy Fields

No matter where I run, I meet myself there.

~Dorothy Fields

Love is the reason for it all.

~Dorothy Fields

Keep it in tune with the times, but don't write with the specific purpose of trying to create a hit. If you're doing it strictly to make money, you're crazy. There are easier ways to make money.

~Dorothy Fields

There aren't more lady songwriters for the same reason that there aren't more lady doctors or lady accountants or lady lawyers; not enough women have the time for careers.

~Dorothy Fields

A song must move the story ahead. A song must take the place of dialogue. If a song halts the show, pushes it back, stalls it, the audience won't buy it; they'll be unhappy.

~Dorothy Fields

A rhyme doesn't make a song.

~Dorothy Fields

If you don't have a story that will hold the audience, you won't have a successful show.

~Dorothy Fields

Love is the reason you were born.

~Dorothy Fields

Write what you feel. Write because of that need for expression.

~Dorothy Fields

I'm in the mood for love, simply because you're near me. Funny, but when you're near me I'm in the mood for love.

~Dorothy Fields

I don't care how good a song is. If it holds back the storyline, stalls the plot, your audience will reject it.

~Dorothy Fields

A song doesn't just come on. I've always had to tease it out, squeeze it out. 'No thesaurus can give you those words, no rhyming dictionary. They must happen out of you.

~Dorothy Fields

I do not think men have more talent. There are a great many women in the arts; novelists, painters, sculptors, poets-but the proportion is far lower in the field of song writing.

~Dorothy Fields

In a show or a movie, one must work with many people. Many women just don't have the time for it.

~Dorothy Fields

The songwriter mustn't fall in love with his own song. If it doesn't belong, he can't push it into a show. Let him save it; maybe it'll fit in another show.

~Dorothy Fields

I began to be impressed by what made a good book-how you needed to have a sensible story, a plot that developed, with a beginning, a middle, and an end that would tie everything together.

~Dorothy Fields

Elizabeth Barrett Browning could write a poem two pages long. Could she have brought it to a music publisher?

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