

E. T. A. Hoffmann

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How prone poor Humanity is to dam up the minutest remnants of its freedom, and build an artificial roof to prevent it looking up to the clear blue sky.

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Is it not in the most absolute simplicity that real genius plies its pinions the most wonderfully?

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Once you are dancing with the devil, the prettiest capers won't help you.

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It is nearly always the most improbable things that really come to pass.

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Think of the wonderful circles in which our whole being moves and from which we cannot escape no matter how we try. The circler circles in these circles.

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It is useless to contend with the irresistible power of Time, which goes on continually creating by a process of constant destruction.

~E. T. A. Hoffmann

Boys should not play with weapons more dangerous than they understand.

~E. T. A. Hoffmann

There is nothing more marvelous or madder than real life.

~E. T. A. Hoffmann

I may be permitted, kind reader, to doubt whether you have ever been enclosed in a glass bottle, unless some vivid dream has teased you

with such magical mishaps.

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Human beings ought not to draw in their antennae at every ungentle touch, like supersensitive insects.

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Not a single man on earth knows from his own experience the how and where of his birth, only from tradition, which is often very uncertain.

~E. T. A. Hoffmann

Mozart's music is the mysterious language of a distant spiritual kingdom, whose marvelous accents echo in our inner being and arouse a higher, intensive life.

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Every year lays more earth upon us, which weighs us down from aerial regions, till we go under the earth at last.

~E. T. A. Hoffmann

It is true that writers often owe their most inspired thoughts, their most extraordinary phrases, to their generous typesetters, who assist their flights of fancy with so-called typographical errors.

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It is only in the morning that one should marry, read unfavourable reviews, make one's will, beat one's servants, and so forth.

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