

Edmund Waller

Quotes

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Stronger, Arrows, Hero, Sweet, Giving, Lying, Circles, Fear*

The lark that shuns on lofty boughs to build, Her humble nest, lies silent in the field.

~Edmund Waller

Tea does our fancy aid, Repress those vapours which the head invade And keeps that palace of the soul serene.

~Edmund Waller

Vexed sailors cursed the rain, for which poor shepherds prayed in vain.

~Edmund Waller

The rising sun complies with our weak sight, First gilds the clouds, then shows his globe of light At such a distance from our eyes, as though He knew what harm his hasty beams would do.

~Edmund Waller

Illustrious acts high raptures do infuse, And every conqueror creates a muse.

~Edmund Waller

Could we forbear dispute, and practise love, We should agree as angels do above.

~Edmund Waller

Circle are praised, not that abound, In largeness, but the exactly round.

~Edmund Waller

And as pale sickness does invade, Your frailer part, the breaches made, In that fair lodging still more clear, Make the bright guest, your soul, appear.

~Edmund Waller

Stronger by weakness, wiser men become.

~Edmund Waller

To love is to believe, to hope, to know; 'Tis an essay, a taste of Heaven below!

~Edmund Waller

All things but one you can restore; the heart you get returns no more.

~Edmund Waller

Poets lose half the praise they should have got, Could it be known what they discreetly blot.

~Edmund Waller

His love at once and dread instruct our thought; As man He suffer'd and as God He taught.

~Edmund Waller

The fear of God is freedom, joy, and peace; And makes all ills that vex us here to cease.

~Edmund Waller

So must the writer, whose productions should Take with the vulgar, be of vulgar mould.

~Edmund Waller

Thrice happy is that humble pair, Beneath the level of all care! Over whose heads those arrows fly, Of sad distrust and jealousy.

~Edmund Waller

Happy the innocent whose equal thoughts are free from anguish as they are from faults.

~Edmund Waller

Others may use the ocean as their road; Only the English make it their abode.

~Edmund Waller

In other things the knowing artist may Judge better than the people; but a play, (Made for delight, and for no other use) If you approve it not, has no excuse.

~Edmund Waller

That eagle's fate and mine are one, Which, on the shaft that made him die, Espied a feather of his own, Wherewith he wont to soar so high.

~Edmund Waller

Lampoons, like squibs, may make a present blaze; but time and thunder pay respect to bays.

~Edmund Waller

Poets that lasting marble seek, Must come in Latin or in Greek.

~Edmund Waller

How small a part of time they share, That are so wondrous sweet and fair!

~Edmund Waller

With wisdom fraught; not such as books, but such as practice taught.

~Edmund Waller

All human things Of dearest value hang on slender strings.

~Edmund Waller

A narrow compass! and yet there Dwelt all that 's good, and all that 's fair; Give me but what this riband bound, Take all the rest the sun goes round.

~Edmund Waller

When religion doth with virtue join, it makes a hero like an angel shine.

~Edmund Waller

But virtue too, as well as vice, is clad in flesh and blood.

~Edmund Waller

The seas are quiet when the winds give o'er; So calm are we when passions are no more!

~Edmund Waller

If its length be not considered a merit, it hath no other.

~Edmund Waller

Gods, that never change their state, vary oft their love and hate.

~Edmund Waller

Go, lovely rose, Tell her that wastes her time and me, That now she knows, When I resemble her to thee, How sweet and fair she seems to be.

~Edmund Waller

Seeming devotion does but gild a knave, That's neither faithful, honest, just, nor brave; But where religion does with virtue join, It makes a hero like an angel shine.

~Edmund Waller

Ingenious to their ruin, every age improves the art and instruments of rage.

~Edmund Waller

Happy is she that from the world retires, and carries with her what the world admires.

~Edmund Waller

The fear of Hell, or aiming to be blest, Savors too much of private interest. This moved not Moses, nor the zealous Paul, Who for their friends abandoned soul and all.

~Edmund Waller

What use of oaths, of promise, or of test, where men regard no God but interest?

~Edmund Waller

While we converse with her, we mark No want of day, nor think it dark.

~Edmund Waller

To man, that was in th' evening made, Stars gave the first delight;
Admiring, in the gloomy shade, Those little drops of light.

~Edmund Waller

The chain that's fixed to the throne of Jove, On which the fabric of our world depends,
One link dissolved, the whole creation ends.

~Edmund Waller

Give us enough but with a sparing hand.

~Edmund Waller

Since thou wouldst needs, bewitched with some ill charms, Be buried in those monumental arms:
As we can wish, is, may that earth lie light Upon thy tender limbs, and so good night.

~Edmund Waller

Small is the worth Of beauty from the light retired: Bid her come forth,
Suffer herself to be desired, And not blush so to be admired.

~Edmund Waller

My joy, my grief, my hope, my love, Did all within this circle move!

~Edmund Waller

The soul's dark cottage, batter'd and decay'd, Lets in new light through chinks that Time has made.

~Edmund Waller

Under the tropic is our language spoke, And part of Flanders hath
receiv'd our yoke.

~Edmund Waller

For all we know Of what the blessed do above Is, that they sing, and
that they love. While I listen to thy Voice.

~Edmund Waller

Fade, flowers, fade! Nature will have it so; 'tis but what we in our
autumn do.

~Edmund Waller

Virtue's a stronger guard than brass.

~Edmund Waller

Music so softens and disarms the mind That not an arrow does
resistance find.

~Edmund Waller

And keeps the palace of the soul.

~Edmund Waller

Soft words, with nothing in them, make a song.

~Edmund Waller

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