

Edward Carpenter Quotes

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I was in the Square at the time. The crowd was a most good-humoured, easy going, smiling crowd; but presently it was transformed. A regiment of mounted police came cantering up.

~Edward Carpenter

And where there had been only jeers or taunts at first, crowds came to listen with serious and sympathetic mien.

~Edward Carpenter

Let your mind be quiet, realizing the beauty of the world, and the immense boundless treasures that it holds.

~Edward Carpenter

IN April 1882 my father died; and I was at once whirled out of my land of dreams into a very different sphere.

~Edward Carpenter

Remember, the serpent is still living in the Garden of Eden. Only the heterosexual couple was expelled.

~Edward Carpenter

We lived within two hundred yards of the sea, and its voice was in our ears night and day.

~Edward Carpenter

I saw deep in the eyes of the animals, the human soul look out upon me.

~Edward Carpenter

Motherhood is, after all, woman's great and incomparable work.

~Edward Carpenter

What is the good of life if its chief element, and that which must always be its chief element, is odious? No, the only true economy is to arrange

so that your daily labor shall be itself a joy.

~Edward Carpenter

I might have simply settled down into an armchair literary life. I really don't know exactly why I didn't.

~Edward Carpenter

My ideas had been taking a socialistic shape for many years; but they were lacking in definite outline.

~Edward Carpenter

Great success in examinations does naturally not as a rule go with originality of thought.

~Edward Carpenter

The general fact of surplus value, namely that the workmen does not get the full value of his labours, and that he is taken advantage of by the capitalist, is obvious.

~Edward Carpenter

With my somewhat vague aspiring mind, to be imprisoned in the rude details of a most material life was often irksome.

~Edward Carpenter

The other thing that happened in 1883 was my reading of Thoreau's Walden.

~Edward Carpenter

Making a choice is like backing a horse - in a hundred years, they may decide you picked wrongly.

~Edward Carpenter

When he was twenty-three or twenty-four my father began to learn German and read philosophy in his spare hours, which did not look as

though he were destined to remain long on board ship!

~Edward Carpenter

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