Edwin Arlington Robinson Quotes

Arlington, Love, Heaven, Book, May, Singing, Death, Long, God, Men, Years, Thinking, Running, Thanksgiving, Strong, Morning, Lying, Gratitude, Kings, Logic Are we no greater than the noise we make Along one blind atomic pilgrimage Whereon by crass chance billeted we go Because our brains and bones and cartilage Will have it so?

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Life is the game that must be played.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Two kinds of gratitude: The sudden kind we feel for what we take; the larger kind we feel for what we give.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

The world is a kind of spiritual kindergarten where millions of bewildered infants are trying to spell "God" with the wrong blocks.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

No matter what we are, and what we sing, Time finds a withered leaf in every laurel

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I shall have more to say when I am dead.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

For when a woman is left too much alone, sooner or later she begins to think; and no man knows what then she may discover.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

And thus we all are nighing The truth we fear to know: Death will end our crying For friends that come and go.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Love must have wings to fly away from love, And to fly back again.

Shake the tree of life itself and bring down fruits unheard of.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I cannot find my way: there is no star In all the shrouded heavens anywhere

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Poets and kings are but the clerks of Time, Tiering the same dull webs of discontent, Clipping the same sad alnage of the years.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Ah, when shall come love's courage to be strong! Tell me, O Lord--tell me, O Lord, how long Are we to keep Christ writhing on the cross! ~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Language that tells us, through a more or less emotional reaction, something that can not be said.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Pity is like a knife, sometimes, and it may pierce one who employs it more shrewdly than the victim it would save.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Were it not for love, Poor life would be a ship not worth launching.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I am living on hope and faith ... a pretty good diet when the mind will receive them.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I don't say what God is, but a name That somehow answers us when we are driven To feel and think how little we have to do With what we are.

seizing the swift logic of a woman, Curse God and die.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Friends: people who borrow my books and set wet glasses on them. ~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I have been reading the Old Testament, a most bloodthirsty and perilous book for the young. Jehovah is beyond doubt the worst character in fiction.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Do you hear the children singing?

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

This morning I deleted the hyphen from "hell-bound" and made it one word; this afternoon I redivided it and restored the hyphen.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

To some will come a time when change itself is beauty, if not heaven. ~Edwin Arlington Robinson

The stillness of October gold Went out like beauty from a face.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Youth sees too far to see how near it is To seeing farther.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I mean you last as long as lies.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

And we who delve in beauty's lore Know all that we have known before Of what inexorable cause Makes Time so vicious in his reaping.

Where's the need of singing now?

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

For through it all--above, beyond it all-- I know the far-sent message of the years, I feel the coming glory of the Light.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

I wonder more and more just where I may have come out if I had never seen Harvard Square.

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