

# Elaine Equi Quotes

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I don't like speed. I would have made a terrible Futurist. Even when I did take drugs, I never liked amphetamines and much preferred the slow taffy-pull of time that you get with opiates.

~Elaine Equi

Technology sounds quick and easy, but it ends up taking up too much of your time.

~Elaine Equi

I tend to like poems that are short as well as funny. I love Joe Brainard and Aram Saroyan. And I think their sense of humor and minimalist approach are pretty radical.

~Elaine Equi

In a machine, every part has a function. In a poem, every word needs to be there.

~Elaine Equi

I like to look at the interface between words and pictures and wonder about which comes first, a sort of chicken-or-egg type of question.

~Elaine Equi

What I like best about teaching is that it allows me to explore my own interest with a group.

~Elaine Equi

In order for poetry to exist there has to be not-poetry to contrast it with.

~Elaine Equi

The earth has always supported me in all my endeavors. I trust it.

~Elaine Equi

I tend to be a pretty spacey and scattered person, so anything that makes me feel "grounded" comes as a welcome relief.

~Elaine Equi

I think the more stability a person has, the more they can follow esoteric or intellectual pursuits.

~Elaine Equi

The inner and outer, the visible and invisible, the abstract and concrete - you've got to get the balance right (not that I do, but it's something to aim for).

~Elaine Equi

When I shut off the verbal, I like to escape into the visual.

~Elaine Equi

Sometimes you get lit students that know a lot about the canon but virtually nothing about contemporary poetry and vice versa. I like to mix things up.

~Elaine Equi

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