

# Elizabeth Montagu

## Quotes

*People, Law, Wise, Men, House, Patient, Excellence, Letters, Secret, Long,  
Pain, Proud, Admiration, Water, Purgatory, Talent, Air, Heaven, Muse,  
Adventure*

I endeavor to be wise when I cannot be merry, easy when I cannot be glad, content with what cannot be mended, and patient when there be no redress.

~Elizabeth Montagu

I never invite idiots to my house.

~Elizabeth Montagu

it is more to my personal happiness and advantage to indulge the love and admiration of excellence, than to cherish a secret envy of it.

~Elizabeth Montagu

Any wife will save you from purgatory, and a diligent one will secure heaven to you.

~Elizabeth Montagu

The only thing one can do one day one did not do the day before is to die.

~Elizabeth Montagu

The muses crown virtue when fortune refuses to do it.

~Elizabeth Montagu

The outrages of the powerful, the insolence of the rich, scorn of the proud, and malice of the uncharitable, all beating against the broken spirit of the unfortunate.

~Elizabeth Montagu

I always wish to find great virtues where there are great talents, and to love what I admire.

~Elizabeth Montagu

Not to be miserable is all some people are capable of.

~Elizabeth Montagu

Few people know anything of the English history but what they learn from Shakespear; for our story is rather a tissue of personal adventures and catastrophes than a series of political events.

~Elizabeth Montagu

You will find many a creature by earth, air, and water, that is more beautiful than a woman.

~Elizabeth Montagu

It is very unreasonable of people to expect one should be at home, because one is in the house. Of all privileges, that of invisibility is the most valuable.

~Elizabeth Montagu

Will an intelligent spectator not admire the prodigious structures of Stone-Henge because he does not know by what law of mechanics they were raised?

~Elizabeth Montagu

To judge therefore of Shakespeare by Aristotle's rule is like trying a man by the Laws of one Country who acted under those of another.

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