

Ethel Smyth

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I feel I must fight for [my music], because I want women to turn their minds to big and difficult jobs; not just to go on hugging the shore, afraid to put out to sea.

~Ethel Smyth

The charms of seclusion are seldom combined with the conveniences of civilization.

~Ethel Smyth

crawling about the floor like half-dead November flies is one thing, and dancing reels another.

~Ethel Smyth

when I came to know Greek art I instantly understood that excess and perfection are enemies; yet on the other hand this world and the millions of worlds around us live by fire ... !

~Ethel Smyth

acceptance is an art that must be mastered if we want to keep our friends for the span of life that remains to us, and presently step off the stage with our self-respect intact.

~Ethel Smyth

no one is more trustworthy than the repentant sinner who has been found out.

~Ethel Smyth

if you take passionate interest in a subject, it is hard not to believe yourself specially equipped for it.

~Ethel Smyth

I can imagine nothing more tiresome than always to speak of people as if they were listening at the door.

~Ethel Smyth

the majority of critical, and plenty of uncritical, readers find quotations a bore.

~Ethel Smyth

[On golf:] ... though aware I could never be more than a humble potterer, it was impossible to repress the wild upsurgings of hope known to all middle-aged beginners.

~Ethel Smyth

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