

# Francis Thompson

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An atheist is a man who believes himself an accident.

~Francis Thompson

All things by immortal power. Near of far, to each other linked are, that thou canst not stir a flower without troubling of a star.

~Francis Thompson

Agnosticism is the everlasting perhaps.

~Francis Thompson

Nothing begins, and nothing ends, That is not paid with moan; For we are born in others pain And perish in our own.

~Francis Thompson

The devil doesn't know how to sing, only how to howl.

~Francis Thompson

Look for me in the nurseries of Heaven.

~Francis Thompson

Thou cannot stir a flower Without troubling a star.

~Francis Thompson

The desolation and terror of, for the first time, realizing that the mother can lose you, or you her, and your own abysmal loneliness and helplessness without her.

~Francis Thompson

Oh invisible, we view thee, O world intangible, we touch thee, o world unknowable, we know thee.

~Francis Thompson

A dog, I will maintain, is a very tolerable judge of beauty, as appears from the fact that any liberally educated dog does, in a general way,

prefer a woman to a man.

~Francis Thompson

The fairest things have fleetest end, Their scent survives their close:  
But the rose's scent is bitterness To him that loved the rose.

~Francis Thompson

Little Jesus, was Thou shy Once, and just so small as I? And what did it  
feel like to be Out of Heaven, and just like me?

~Francis Thompson

There is no expeditious road To pack and label men for God, And save  
them by the barrel-load. Some may perchance, with strange surprise,  
Have blundered into Paradise.

~Francis Thompson

Spring is come home with her world-wandering feet, And all things are  
made young with your desires.

~Francis Thompson

Deep in my heart subsides the infrequent word, And there dies slowly  
throbbing like a wounded bird.

~Francis Thompson

The innocent moon, that nothing does but shine, Moves all the labouring  
surges of the world.

~Francis Thompson

In all change, well looked into, the germinal good out-veils the apparent  
ill.

~Francis Thompson

Baby smiled, mother wailed, Earthward while the sweetling sailed;  
Mother smiled, baby wailed, When to earth came Viola.

~Francis Thompson

But lilies, stolen from grassy mold, No more curled state unfold,  
Translated to a vase of gold; In burning throne though they keep still  
Serenities unthawed and chill.

~Francis Thompson

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