

# Hadewijch Quotes

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even if you do the best you can in all things, your human nature must often fall short; so entrust yourself to God's goodness, for his goodness is greater than your failures.

~Hadewijch

Be fervent in God, and let nothing grieve you, whatever you encounter.

~Hadewijch

Love has seven names, / Which, as you know, are appropriate to her; / Chain, light, live coal, and fire - / ... dew, living spring, and hell.

~Hadewijch

Do good under all circumstances, but with no care for any profit, or any blessedness, or any damnation, or any salvation, or any martyrdom; but all you do or omit should be for the honor of Love.

~Hadewijch

May your service of love a beautiful thing; want nothing else, fear nothing else and let love be free to become what love truly is.

~Hadewijch

love is that burning fire which devours everything and shall never, never cease in all the endless ages to come.

~Hadewijch

For this is love's truth; she joins two in one being, makes sweet sour, strangers neighbors, and the lowly noble.

~Hadewijch

Take care, you who wish / to deal with names / for love. Behind their sweetness / and wrath, nothing endures. / Nothing but wounds and kisses.

~Hadewijch

I wish to devote all my time / To noble thoughts about great Love.

~Hadewijch

The soul who is most untouched is the most like to God.

~Hadewijch

The new year has begun for us. / Now must God grant us with love /  
That we may be able so to begin it / That it may be of value for Love.

~Hadewijch

It is written in the code of love: He who strikes the blow is himself struck  
down.

~Hadewijch

Despair makes us serve evil as much as good.

~Hadewijch

What use is it for me to force my nature? / For my nature shall always  
remain / What it is and conquer what belongs to it, / However men may  
narrow its path.

~Hadewijch

The New Year has come to us. / God be blessed for it.

~Hadewijch

Although the season is joyful everywhere, / And mountain and valley  
are all verdant, / That would seem a truly small matter to him / Who has  
met mischance in love.

~Hadewijch

He who lives in despair / takes and gives in vain.

~Hadewijch

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