

Hal Borland Quotes

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Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.

~Hal Borland

All walking is discovery. On foot we take the time to see things whole.

~Hal Borland

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

~Hal Borland

There it is, fog, atmospheric moisture still uncertain in destination, not quite weather and not altogether mood, yet partaking of both.

~Hal Borland

As I stood and watched the mists slowly rising this morning I wondered what view was more beautiful than this.

~Hal Borland

Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night.

~Hal Borland

A snowdrift is a beautiful thing - if it doesn't lie across the path you have to shovel or block the road that leads to your destination.

~Hal Borland

You can't be suspicious of a tree, or accuse a bird or a squirrel of subversion or challenge the ideology of a violet.

~Hal Borland

You fight dandelions all weekend, and late Monday afternoon there they are, pert as all get out, in full and gorgeous bloom, pretty as can be, thriving as only dandelions can in the face of adversity.

~Hal Borland

If you would know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees.

~Hal Borland

A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart.

~Hal Borland

April is a promise that May is bound to keep.

~Hal Borland

All our yesterdays are summarized in our now, and all the tomorrows are ours to shape.

~Hal Borland

Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.

~Hal Borland

The earth turns, and the seasons, and for all his pride and power man cannot temper the winds or change their course. They are the unseen tides that shape our days and our years.

~Hal Borland

To know after absence the familiar street and road and village and house is to know again the satisfaction of home.

~Hal Borland

October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again.

~Hal Borland

Each new season grows from the leftovers from the past. That is the essence of change, and change is the basic law.

~Hal Borland

Man is wise and constantly in quest of more wisdom; but the ultimate wisdom, which deals with beginnings, remains locked in a seed.

~Hal Borland

Time after time ... today's crisis shrinks to next week's footnote to a newly headline disaster.

~Hal Borland

Nothing in nature is as simple as it sometimes seems when reduced to words.

~Hal Borland

The ultimate wisdom which deals with beginnings, remains locked in a seed. There it lies, the simplest fact of the universe and at the same time the one which calls faith rather than reason.

~Hal Borland

March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes and a laugh in her voice.

~Hal Borland

Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him.

~Hal Borland

There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues.

~Hal Borland

There is a leisure about walking, no matter what pace you set, that lets

down the tension.

~Hal Borland

Time has its own dimensions, and neither the sun nor the clock can encompass them all.

~Hal Borland

Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street...by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.

~Hal Borland

Weekend planning is a prime time to apply the Deathbed Priority Test: On your deathbed, will you wish you'd spent more prime weekend hours grocery shopping or walking in the woods with your kids?

~Hal Borland

October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen.

~Hal Borland

Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January.

~Hal Borland

For the Fall of the year is more than three months bounded by an equinox and a solstice. It is a summing up without the finality of year's end.

~Hal Borland

He who walks may see and understand. You can study all America from one hilltop, if your eyes are open and your mind is willing to reach. But first you must walk to that hill.

~Hal Borland

There are no limits to either time or distance, except as man himself may make them. I have but to touch the wind to know these things.

~Hal Borland

If the voice of the brook was not the first song of celebration, it must have been at least an obbligato for that event.

~Hal Borland

The most unhappy thing about conservation is that it is never permanent. Save a priceless woodland or an irreplaceable mountain today, and tomorrow it is threatened from another quarter.

~Hal Borland

No Winter lasts forever, no Spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it.

~Hal Borland

The owl, that bird of onomatopoetic name, is a repetitious question wrapped in feathery insulation especially for Winter delivery.

~Hal Borland

Strip the hills, drain the boglands, and you create flood conditions inevitably. Yet that is what we have been doing for years.

~Hal Borland

A frontier is never a place; it is a time and a way of life.

~Hal Borland

For anyone who lives in the oak-and-maple area of New England, there is a perennial temptation to plunge into a purple sea of adjectives about October.

~Hal Borland

He who travels west travels not only with the sun but with history.

~Hal Borland

Nature seems to look after her own only up to a certain point; beyond that they are supposed to fend for themselves.

~Hal Borland

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