

Hans Christian Andersen Quotes

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Giving, Wise, People, Eye, Fairy Tale, Beautiful, Flower, Use, Thinking, Life,
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Where words fail, music speaks.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Life is like a beautiful melody, only the lyrics are messed up.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.

~Hans Christian Andersen

The whole world is a series of miracles, but we're so used to them we call them ordinary things.

~Hans Christian Andersen

To move, to breathe, to fly, to float, To gain all while you give, To roam the roads of lands remote, To travel is to live.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Nothing is too high for a man to reach, but he must climb with care and confidence

~Hans Christian Andersen

Everything you look at can become a fairy tale and you can get a story from everything you touch.

~Hans Christian Andersen

To be of use to the world is the only way to be happy.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Enjoy life. There's plenty of time to be dead.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's fingers.

~Hans Christian Andersen

But a mermaid has no tears, and therefore she suffers so much more.

~Hans Christian Andersen

We cannot expect to be happy always ... by experiencing evil as well as good we become wise.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Being born in a duck yard does not matter, if only you are hatched from a swan's egg.

~Hans Christian Andersen

My life will be the best illustration of all my work.

~Hans Christian Andersen

The wiser a man becomes, the more he will read, and those who are wisest read most.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Human beings, on the contrary, have a soul which lives forever, lives after the body has been turned to dust. It rises up through the clear, pure air beyond the glittering stars.

~Hans Christian Andersen

But shouldn't all of us on earth give the best we have to others and offer whatever is in our power?

~Hans Christian Andersen

The sun shines upon good and bad alike.

~Hans Christian Andersen

A mermaid has not an immortal soul, nor can she obtain one unless

she wins the love of a human being. On the power of another hangs her eternal destiny.

~Hans Christian Andersen

It was clear to me, as I glanced back over my earlier life, that a loving Providence watched over me, that all was directed for me by a higher power.

~Hans Christian Andersen

If you looked down to the bottom of my soul, you would understand fully the source of my longing and - pity me. Even the open, transparent lake has its unknown depths, which no divers know.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Many, many steeples would have to be stacked one on top of another to reach from the bottom to the surface of the sea.

~Hans Christian Andersen

A human life is a story told by God.

~Hans Christian Andersen

When the bird of the heart begins to sing, too often will reason stop up her ears.

~Hans Christian Andersen

I never dreamed of so much happiness when I was the Ugly Duckling!

~Hans Christian Andersen

Then he rustled his feathers, curved his slender neck, and cried joyfully, from the depths of his heart, 'I never dreamed of such happiness as this, while I was an ugly duckling.

~Hans Christian Andersen

She laughed and danced with the thought of death in her heart.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Happy domestic life is like a beautiful summer's evening; the heart is filled with peace; and everything around derives a peculiar glory.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Almighty God, thee only have I; thou steerest my fate, I must give myself up to thee! Give me a livelihood! Give me a bride! My blood wants love, as my heart does!

~Hans Christian Andersen

Most of the people who will walk after me will be children, so make the beat keep time with short steps.

~Hans Christian Andersen

My life is a lovely story, happy and full of incident.

~Hans Christian Andersen

To travel is to live.

~Hans Christian Andersen

To be born in a duck's nest, in a farmyard, is of no consequence to a bird, if it is hatched from a swan's egg.

~Hans Christian Andersen

I only appear to be dead.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Don't ask me how I am! I understand nothing more!

~Hans Christian Andersen

Each time I think that the song is ended ... something higher and better begins for me.

~Hans Christian Andersen

At first she was overjoyed that he would be with her, but then she recalled that human people could not live under the water, and he could only visit her father's palace as a dead man.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Eighty percent of our criminals come from unsympathetic homes.

~Hans Christian Andersen

I know what you want. It is very stupid of you, but you shall have your way, and it will bring you to sorrow, my pretty princess. - The sea witch.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Death walks faster than the wind and never returns what he has taken.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Well, it's not so easy to give an answer when you ask a stupid question!

~Hans Christian Andersen

How little do the wisest among us know of that which is so important to us all.

~Hans Christian Andersen

The naive was only a part of my fairy tales; humour was the real salt in them.

~Hans Christian Andersen

It is the power of thought that gives man power over nature.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Travelling expands the mind rarely.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Mermaids have no tears, and so they suffer all the more.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Every town, like every man, has its own countenance; they have a common likeness and yet are different; one keeps in his mind all their peculiar touches.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Well, yes: people write poems when they are in love, but a wise man will not print them.

~Hans Christian Andersen

One cannot quite trust the word of potted flowers," thought the butterfly; "they have too much to do with men.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Time is so fleeting that if we do not remember God in our youth, age may find us incapable of thinking of him.

~Hans Christian Andersen

I covet honour in the same way as a miser covets gold.

~Hans Christian Andersen

We haven't yet got eyes that can gaze into all the splendour that God has created, but we shall get them one day; and that will be the finest fairy tale of all, for we shall be in it ourselves.

~Hans Christian Andersen

But the Emperor has nothing at all on!

~Hans Christian Andersen

There was once a merchant who was so rich that he might have paved the whole street, and a little alley besides, with silver money. But he didn't do it--he knew better how to use his money than that.

~Hans Christian Andersen

I would give gladly all the hundreds of years that I have to live, to be a human being only for one day, and to have the hope of knowing the happiness of that glorious world above the stars.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Brave soldier, never fear. Even though your death is near.

~Hans Christian Andersen

Now, if we only had as many casks of butter as there are people here, then I would eat lots of butter!

~Hans Christian Andersen

Some are created for beauty, and some for use; and there are some which one can do without altogether.

~Hans Christian Andersen

In the days of Moses and the prophets such a man would have been counted among the wise men of the land; in the Middle Ages he would have been burned at the stake.

~Hans Christian Andersen

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