

Helen Hayes

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If you rest, you rust.

~Helen Hayes

We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too.

~Helen Hayes

The good die young but not always. The wicked prevail but not consistently. I am confused by life, and I feel safe within the confines of the theatre.

~Helen Hayes

Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity.

~Helen Hayes

The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy.

~Helen Hayes

People who refuse to rest honorably on their laurels when they reach retirement age seem very admirable to me.

~Helen Hayes

There is only one terminal dignity - love.

~Helen Hayes

From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are opened you discover that you have wings.

~Helen Hayes

When traveling with someone, take large doses of patience and tolerance with your morning coffee.

~Helen Hayes

Egocentrics are attracted to the inept. It gives them one more excuse for patting themselves on the back.

~Helen Hayes

Age is not important unless you're a cheese.

~Helen Hayes

Childhood is a short season.

~Helen Hayes

Everybody starts at the top, and then has the problem of staying there. Lasting accomplishment, however, is still achieved through a long, slow climb and self-discipline.

~Helen Hayes

All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar.

~Helen Hayes

The expert at anything was once a beginner.

~Helen Hayes

Legends die hard. They survive as truth rarely does.

~Helen Hayes

Stardom can be a gilded slavery.

~Helen Hayes

Actors cannot choose the manner in which they are born. Consequently, it is the one gesture in their lives completely devoid of self-consciousness.

~Helen Hayes

At 50, you need to laugh about your age. If you don't, everybody else will do it for you. Happy birthday, old chum!

~Helen Hayes

The worst constructed play is a Bach fugue when compared to life.

~Helen Hayes

Every human being on this earth is born with a tragedy, and it isn't original sin. He's born with the tragedy that he has to grow up... a lot of people don't have the courage to do it.

~Helen Hayes

Always aim for achievement, and forget about success.

~Helen Hayes

We live in a very tense society. We are pulled apart... and we all need to learn how to pull ourselves together.... I think that at least part of the answer lies in solitude.

~Helen Hayes

Actors work and slave and it is the color of your hair that can determine your fate in the end.

~Helen Hayes

We may be living in the twentieth century, in resplendent sophistication. But deep down, most of us find ourselves still in the Stone Age of superstition.

~Helen Hayes

Mere longevity is a good thing for those who watch Life from the side lines. For those who play the game, an hour may be a year, a single day's work an achievement for eternity.

~Helen Hayes

When Charles first saw our child Mary, he said all the proper things for a new father. He looked upon the poor little red thing and blurted, "She's more beautiful than the Brooklyn Bridge."

~Helen Hayes

Only the poet can look beyond the detail and see the whole picture.

~Helen Hayes

When books are opened, we discover that we have wings

~Helen Hayes

Perhaps we have been misguided into taking too much responsibility from our children, leaving them too little room for discovery

~Helen Hayes

One has to grow up with good talk in order to form the habit of it.

~Helen Hayes

There's a little vanity chair that Charlie gave me the first Christmas we knew each other. I'll not be parting with that, nor our bed - the four-poster - I'll be needing that to die in.

~Helen Hayes

There is no racial or religious prejudice among people in the theater. The only prejudice is against bad actors, especially successful ones.

~Helen Hayes

In the last stages of a final illness, we need only the absence of pain and the presence of family.

~Helen Hayes

I cry out for order and find it only in art.

~Helen Hayes

The faster we travel, the less there is to see.

~Helen Hayes

All my dogs have been scamps and thieves and troublemakers and I've adored them all.

~Helen Hayes

When it comes to staying tuned: if you rest, you rust.

~Helen Hayes

An actress always knows when she's hit it and mostly you haven't; but once or twice I think I hit it right, so maybe that's good enough for one life.

~Helen Hayes

I'm leaving the screen because I don't think I am very good in the pictures and I have this beautiful dream that I'm elegant on the stage.

~Helen Hayes

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