

Henry Van Dyke

Quotes

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Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.

~Henry Van Dyke

Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to.

~Henry Van Dyke

A friend is what the heart needs all the time.

~Henry Van Dyke

Every house where love abides
And friendship is a guest,
Is surely home, and home sweet home
For there the heart can rest.

~Henry Van Dyke

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

~Henry Van Dyke

For those who love... time is eternity.

~Henry Van Dyke

Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

~Henry Van Dyke

The simple life which blandly ignores all care and conflict, soon becomes flabby and invertebrate, sentimental and gelatinous.

~Henry Van Dyke

What you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to someone else. But what you are will be yours forever.

~Henry Van Dyke

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

~Henry Van Dyke

There is no personal charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament.

~Henry Van Dyke

There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher.

~Henry Van Dyke

Happiness is inward, and not outward; and so, it does not depend on what we have, but on what we are.

~Henry Van Dyke

Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul.

~Henry Van Dyke

Some people are so afraid to die that they never begin to live.

~Henry Van Dyke

Time is: Too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear.

~Henry Van Dyke

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

~Henry Van Dyke

Hours fly, Flowers die: New days, New ways: Pass by! Love stays.

~Henry Van Dyke

Heaven often seems distant and unknown, but if He who made the

road... is our guide, we need not fear to lose the way.

~Henry Van Dyke

No amount of energy will take the place of thought. A strenuous life with its eyes shut is a kind of wild insanity.

~Henry Van Dyke

Favorite People, Favorite Places, Favorite Memories of the past ...
These are the joys of a lifetime Those are the things that last

~Henry Van Dyke

What do I owe my father? Everything!

~Henry Van Dyke

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can.

~Henry Van Dyke

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul, May keep the path, but will not reach the goal; While he who walks in love may wander far, Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.

~Henry Van Dyke

Faith is an adventure; it is the courage of the soul to face the unknown. But that courage springs from the hope and confidence of the soul that its adventure will succeed.

~Henry Van Dyke

Of all the things that man has made, no is so full of interest and charm, none possesses so distinct a life and character of its own, as a ship.

~Henry Van Dyke

It is better to burn the candle at both ends, and in the middle, too, than to put it away in the closet and let the mice eat it.

~Henry Van Dyke

Love is not getting, but giving; It is goodness, and honor, and peace and pure living.

~Henry Van Dyke

It is better to follow even the shadow of the best, than to remain content with the worst.

~Henry Van Dyke

There is no conflict between the Old and the New; the conflict is between the False and the True.

~Henry Van Dyke

The strength of your life is measured by the strength of your will.

~Henry Van Dyke

The best rose-bush, after all, is not that which has the fewest thorns, but that which bears the finest roses.

~Henry Van Dyke

Tact is the unsaid part of what you think.

~Henry Van Dyke

Love that leads life upward is the noblest and the best.

~Henry Van Dyke

Genius is talent set on fire by courage.

~Henry Van Dyke

As long as habit and routine dictate the pattern of living, new dimensions of the soul will not emerge.

~Henry Van Dyke

Half of the secular unrest and dismal, profane sadness of modern society comes from the vain ideas that every man is bound to be a critic for life.

~Henry Van Dyke

But this I know. Those who seek Him will do well to look among the poor and the lowly, the sorrowful and the oppressed.

~Henry Van Dyke

In the progress of personality, first comes a declaration of independence, then a recognition of interdependence.

~Henry Van Dyke

The woods would be quiet if no bird sang but the one that sang best.

~Henry Van Dyke

Love is the heart's immortal thirst to be completely known and all forgiven.

~Henry Van Dyke

This is the soldier brave enough to tell
The glory-dazzled world that "war is hell":
Lover of peace, he looks beyond the strife,
And rides through hell to save his country's life.

~Henry Van Dyke

A peace that depends on fear is nothing but a suppressed war.

~Henry Van Dyke

Gratitude is a two fold love - love coming to visit us, and love running out to greet a welcome guest.

~Henry Van Dyke

The birth of Jesus is the sunrise in the Bible.

~Henry Van Dyke

Love is not about getting - but giving.

~Henry Van Dyke

Culture is the habit of being pleased with the best and knowing why.

~Henry Van Dyke

Jazz: Music invented for the torture of imbeciles.

~Henry Van Dyke

Be grateful for the tiny details of your life and make room for unexpected and beautiful blessings.

~Henry Van Dyke

O' who will walk with me along lifes merry way? A comrade blithe and full of glee, who dares to laugh out loud and free.

~Henry Van Dyke

Spend as much time as possible, with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors.

~Henry Van Dyke

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

~Henry Van Dyke

What we do belongs to what we are; and what we are is what becomes of us.

~Henry Van Dyke

You may have to live in a crowd, but you do not have to live like it.

~Henry Van Dyke

It is with rivers as it is with people: the greatest are not always the most agreeable nor the best to live with.

~Henry Van Dyke

Many a treasure besides Ali Baba's is unlocked with a verbal key.

~Henry Van Dyke

Even if we should find another Eden, we would not be fit to enjoy it perfectly nor stay in it forever.

~Henry Van Dyke

No amount of energy will take the place of thought.

~Henry Van Dyke

Look around for a place to sow a few seeds.

~Henry Van Dyke

You never see the stock called Happiness quoted on the exchange.

~Henry Van Dyke

Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of Earth is toil.

~Henry Van Dyke

I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest, because the road's last turn will be the best.

~Henry Van Dyke

I heard through the night
The rush and the clamour;
The pulse of the fight
Like blows of Thor's hammer;
The pattering flight
Of the leaves, and
the anguished
Moan of the forest vanquished.

~Henry Van Dyke

Peace without Justice is a low estate, — A coward cringing to an iron Fate! But Peace through Justice is the great ideal, — We'll pay the price of war to make it real.

~Henry Van Dyke

What is Fortune, what is Fame? Futile gold and phantom name- Riches buried in a cave, Glory written on a grave.

~Henry Van Dyke

Hymns of today that may be sung by people who know the thought of the age...are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy Christianity, or any revolution will overthrow the Kingdom of Heaven.

~Henry Van Dyke

Those who would see wonderful things must often be ready to travel alone.

~Henry Van Dyke

Life is an arrow, therefore you must know What mark to aim at, how to use the bow-- Then draw it to the head and let it go!

~Henry Van Dyke

I'm only wishing to go a-fishing;For this the month of May was made.

~Henry Van Dyke

Deeds not Words: I say so too! And yet I find it somehow true, A word may help a man in need, To nobler act and braver deed.

~Henry Van Dyke

The storm is ended! The impartial sunLaughs down upon the battle lost and won,And crowns the triumph of the cloudy hostIn rolling lines retreating to the coast.

~Henry Van Dyke

We measure success by accumulation. The measure is false. The true measure is appreciation. He who loves most has most.

~Henry Van Dyke

Modest egotism is the salt of conversation; you do not want too much of

it, but if it is altogether omitted, everything tastes flat.

~Henry Van Dyke

If only the best birds sang, the forest would be silent.

~Henry Van Dyke

Courage is the standing army of the soul which keeps it from conquest, pillage, and slavery.

~Henry Van Dyke

Christ never asks us to give up merely for the sake of giving up, but always in order to win something better.

~Henry Van Dyke

The kingdom of birds is divided into two departments - birds and House Sparrows. House Sparrows are not real birds - they are little beasts!

~Henry Van Dyke

The more keenly we are awake to the perils of life, the higher and grander is the possibility of being truly brave.

~Henry Van Dyke

I know that Europe's wonderful, yet something seems to lack; The Past is too much with her, and the people looking back.

~Henry Van Dyke

In love and friendship, small, steady payments on a gold basis are better than immense promissory notes.

~Henry Van Dyke

No matter what theory of the origin of government you adopt, if you follow it out to its legitimate conclusions it will bring you face to face with the moral law.

~Henry Van Dyke

The Bible teaches that God owns the world. He distributes to every man according to His own good pleasure, conformably to general laws.

~Henry Van Dyke

I thank God for the honesty and virility of Jesus religion which makes us face the facts and calls us to take a man's part in the real battle of life.

~Henry Van Dyke

We are all swimmers in God's mighty sea.

~Henry Van Dyke

Lord, when my spirit shall return to thee, At the foot of a friendly tree let my body be buried, That this dust may rise and rejoice among the branches.

~Henry Van Dyke

A clean and sensitive conscience, a steady and scrupulous integrity in small things as well as large, is the most valuable of all possessions, to a nation as to an individual.

~Henry Van Dyke

Flowers rejoice when night is done, Lift their heads to greet the sun; Sweetest looks and odours raise, In a silent hymn of praise.

~Henry Van Dyke

You can never begin to live until you dare to die.

~Henry Van Dyke

For real company and friendship, there is nothing outside the animal kingdom that is comparable to a river.

~Henry Van Dyke

For ever so our thoughtful hearts repeat
On fields of triumph dirges of defeat;
And still we turn on gala-days to tread
Among the rustling

memories of the dead.

~Henry Van Dyke

One truly affectionate soul in a family will exert a sweetening and harmonizing influence upon all its members.

~Henry Van Dyke

It is better to desire the things we have than to have the things we desire.

~Henry Van Dyke

If all the world were music, Our hearts would often long
For one sweet strain of silence. To break the endless song.

~Henry Van Dyke

A peaceful man must fight For that which peace demands, — Freedom
and faith, honor and right, Defend with heart and hands.

~Henry Van Dyke

What is Friendship? Something deep That the heart can spend and
keep: Wealth that greatens while we give, Praise that heartens us to
live.

~Henry Van Dyke

A flawless cup: how delicate and fine The flowing curve of every
jewelled line! Look, turn it up or down, 'tis perfect still-- But holds no
drop of life's heart-warming wine.

~Henry Van Dyke

He that planteth a tree is a servant of God, He provideth a kindness for
many generations, And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him.

~Henry Van Dyke

In warlike pomp, with banners flowing, The regiments of autumn stood:

I saw their gold and scarlet glowing From every hillside, every wood.

~Henry Van Dyke

The Bible does not profess to make men omniscient, but simply to tell them enough to make them happy and good, if they will believe it and live up to it.

~Henry Van Dyke

The worlds in which we live at heart are one, The world "I am," the fruit of "I have done"; And underneath these worlds of flower and fruit, The world "I love,"--the only living root.

~Henry Van Dyke

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