

# Horace Quotes

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Carpe diem! Rejoice while you are alive; enjoy the day; live life to the fullest; make the most of what you have. It is later than you think.

~Horace

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

~Horace

The great virtue of parents is a great dowry.

~Horace

Carpe diem. (Seize the day.)

~Horace

When things are steep, remember to stay level-headed.

~Horace

Wisdom is not wisdom when it is derived from books alone.

~Horace

It makes a great difference whether Davus or a hero speaks.

~Horace

Remember when life's path is steep to keep your mind even.

~Horace

Rule your mind or it will rule you.

~Horace

A heart well prepared for adversity in bad times hopes, and in good times fears for a change in fortune.

~Horace

Pale Death beats equally at the poor man's gate and at the palaces of

kings.

~Horace

Anger is a momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you.

~Horace

Dare to begin! He who postpones living rightly is like the rustic who waits for the river to run out before he crosses.

~Horace

I can never forget suffering and I will never forget sunset. I came home with all of it in my mind.

~Horace

If you drive nature out with a pitchfork, she will soon find a way back.

~Horace

A leech that will not quit the skin until sated with blood.

~Horace

In neglected fields the fern grows, which must be cleared out by fire.

~Horace

Once a word has been allowed to escape, it cannot be recalled.

~Horace

Nothing's beautiful from every point of view.

~Horace

A picture is a poem without words

~Horace

Life grants nothing to us mortals without hard work.

~Horace

It is courage, courage, courage, that raises the blood of life to crimson splendor. Live bravely and present a brave front to adversity

~Horace

Misfortunes, untoward events, lay open, disclose the skill of a general, while success conceals his weakness, his weak points.

~Horace

One wanders to the left, another to the right. Both are equally in error, but, are seduced by different delusions.

~Horace

What we learn only through the ears makes less impression upon our minds than what is presented to the trustworthy eye.

~Horace

Happy he who far from business, like the primitive are of mortals, cultivates with his own oxen the fields of his fathers, free from all anxieties of gain.

~Horace

Whatever advice you give, be short.

~Horace

Ridicule more often settles things more thoroughly and better than acrimony.

~Horace

Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans. It is lovely to be silly at the right moment.

~Horace

Seize the day, and put the least possible trust in tomorrow.

~Horace

He who has begun has half done. Dare to be wise -begin!

~Horace

It is right for him who asks forgiveness for his offenses to grant it to others.

~Horace

A word once let out of the cage cannot be whistled back again.

~Horace

Who then is free? The wise man who can govern himself.

~Horace

Let's put a limit to the scramble for money. ... Having got what you wanted, you ought to begin to bring that struggle to an end.

~Horace

Success in the affairs of life often serves to hide one's abilities, whereas adversity frequently gives one an opportunity to discover them.

~Horace

Knowledge without education is but armed injustice.

~Horace

Youth is unduly busy with pampering the outer person.

~Horace

A corrupt judge does not carefully search for the truth.

~Horace

Never despair. [Nil desperandum.]

~Horace

In times of stress, be bold and valiant.

~Horace

A good and faithful judge ever prefers the honorable to the expedient.

~Horace

To have a great man for an intimate friend seems pleasant to those who have never tried it; those who have, fear it. [Lat., Dulcis inexpertis cultura potentis amici; Expertus metuit.]

~Horace

Why do you hasten to remove anything which hurts your eye, while if something affects your soul you postpone the cure until next year?

~Horace

Who can hope to be safe? who sufficiently cautious? Guard himself as he may, every moment's an ambush.

~Horace

Choose a subject equal to your abilities; think carefully what your shoulders may refuse, and what they are capable of bearing.

~Horace

No poem was ever written by a drinker of water.

~Horace

Day is pushed out by day, and each new moon hastens to its death. [Lat., Truditur dies die, Novaeque pergunt interire lunae.]

~Horace

Nature is harmony in discord.

~Horace

Remember to preserve a calm soul amid difficulties.

~Horace

Mistakes are their own instructors

~Horace

Think to yourself that every day is your last; the hour to which you do not look forward will come as a welcome surprise.

~Horace

You must avoid sloth, that wicked siren.

~Horace

Wine brings to light the hidden secrets of the soul.

~Horace

Knowledge is the foundation and source of good writing. [Lat., Scibendi recte sapere est et principium et fons.]

~Horace

They change their skies, but not their souls who run across the sea.

~Horace

Clogged with yesterday's excess, the body drags the mind down with it.

~Horace

He will always be a slave who does not know how to live upon a little.

~Horace

Too indolent to bear the toil of writing; I mean of writing well; I say nothing about quantity. [Lat., Piger scribendi ferre laborem; Scribendi

recte, nam ut multum nil moror.]

~Horace

I would advise him who wishes to imitate well, to look closely into life and manners, and thereby to learn to express them with truth.

~Horace

It's a good thing to be foolishly gay once in a while.

~Horace

Only a stomach that rarely feels hungry scorns common things.

~Horace

The sorrowful dislike the gay, and the gay the sorrowful.

~Horace

Virtue, dear friend, needs no defense, The surest guard is innocence:  
None knew, till guilt created fear, What darts or poisoned arrows were

~Horace

Happy the man who, removed from all cares of business, after the manner of his forefathers cultivates with his own team his paternal acres, freed from all thought of usury.

~Horace

My cares and my inquiries are for decency and truth, and in this I am wholly occupied.

~Horace

I hate the irreverent rabble and keep them far from me.

~Horace

Being, be bold and venture to be wise.

~Horace



Anger is a short madness.

~Horace

He appears mad indeed but to a few, because the majority is infected with the same disease.

~Horace

Enjoy in happiness the pleasures which each hour brings with it.

~Horace

Be smart, drink your wine.

~Horace

Let it (what you have written) be kept back until the ninth year. [Lat., Nonumque prematur in annum.]

~Horace

Often turn the stile [correct with care], if you expect to write anything worthy of being read twice. [Lat., Saepe stilum vertas, iterum quae digna legi sint Scripturus.]

~Horace

What has this unfeeling age of ours left untried, what wickedness has it shunned?

~Horace

What does drunkenness accomplish? It discloses secrets, it ratifies hopes, and urges even the unarmed to battle.

~Horace

If you cannot conduct yourself with propriety, give place to those who can.

~Horace

While we're talking, time will have meanly run on... pick today's fruits, not relying on the future in the slightest.

~Horace

When putting words together is good to do it with nicety and caution, your elegance and talent will be evident if by putting ordinary words together you create a new voice.

~Horace

Many shall be restored that now are fallen and many shall fall that now are in honor.

~Horace

He who is greedy is always in want.

~Horace

Money is a handmaiden, if thou knowest how to use it A mistress, if thou knowest not.

~Horace

Get money first; virtue comes after.

~Horace

The covetous person is full of fear; and he or she who lives in fear will ever be a slave.

~Horace

Posterity, thinned by the crime of its ancestors, shall hear of those battles.

~Horace

Nos numeros sumus et fruges consumere nati. We are but ciphers, born to consume earth's fruits.

~Horace

In adversity, remember to keep an even mind.

~Horace

The things, that are repeated again and again, are pleasant.

~Horace

Splendidly mendacious. [Lat., Splendide mendax.]

~Horace

If it is well with your belly, chest and feet - the wealth of kings can't give you more.

~Horace

Whatever you teach, be brief; what is quickly said, the mind readily receives and faithfully retains, everything superfluous runs over as from a full vessel.

~Horace

When you have well thought out your subject, words will come spontaneously.

~Horace

Where there are many beauties in a poem I shall not cavil at a few faults proceeding either from negligence or from the imperfection of our nature.

~Horace

Imagine every day to be the last of a life surrounded with hopes, cares, anger, and fear. The hours, that come unexpectedly, will be so much the more grateful.

~Horace

It is your concern when your neighbor's wall is on fire.

~Horace

With self-discipline most anything is possible. Theodore Roosevelt  
Rule your mind or it will rule you.

~Horace

The man who is just and resolute will not be moved from his settled purpose, either by the misdirected rage of his fellow citizens, or by the threats of an imperious tyrant.

~Horace

Sad people dislike the happy, and the happy the sad; the quick thinking the sedate, and the careless the busy and industrious.

~Horace

A portion of mankind take pride in their vices and pursue their purpose; many more waver between doing what is right and complying with what is wrong.

~Horace

What's well begun is half done.

~Horace

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