

Jean Toomer

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Fear is a noose that binds until it strangles.

~Jean Toomer

We learn the rope of life by untying its knots.

~Jean Toomer

Most novices picture themselves as masters - and are content with the picture. This is why there are so few masters.

~Jean Toomer

Talk about it only enough to do it. Dream about it only enough to feel it. Think about it only enough to understand it. Contemplate it only enough to be it.

~Jean Toomer

We never know we are beings till we love. And then it is we know the powers and potentialities of human existence.

~Jean Toomer

We do not possess imagination enough to sense what we are missing.

~Jean Toomer

In a sick world, it is the first duty of the artist to get well.

~Jean Toomer

Thunder blossoms gorgeously above our heads, Great, hollow, bell-like flowers

~Jean Toomer

No eyes that have seen beauty ever lose their sight.

~Jean Toomer

People mistake their limitations for high standards.

~Jean Toomer

To understand a new idea, break an old habit.

~Jean Toomer

The realization of ignorance is the first act of knowing.

~Jean Toomer

We start with gifts. Merit comes from what we make of them.

~Jean Toomer

Acceptance of prevailing standards often means we have no standards of our own.

~Jean Toomer

Men are apt to idolize or fear that which they cannot understand, especially if it be a woman.

~Jean Toomer

Thank everyone who calls out your faults, your anger, your impatience, your egotism; do this consciously, voluntarily.

~Jean Toomer

Men try to run life according to their wishes; life runs itself according to necessity.

~Jean Toomer

Whatever I believed, I did; I did with my whole heart and mind as far as possible to do so.

~Jean Toomer

Whats beauty anyway but ugliness if it hurts you?

~Jean Toomer

Dripping rain like golden honey- And the sweet earth flying from the thunder

~Jean Toomer

One may receive the information but miss the teaching.

~Jean Toomer

O singers, resinous and soft your songs
Above the sacred whisper of
the pines, Give virgin lips to cornfield concubines,
Bring dreams of Christ
to dusky cane-lipped throngs.

~Jean Toomer

I am not less poet; I am more conscious of all that I am, am not, and
might become.

~Jean Toomer

Perhaps . . . our lot on the earth is to seek and to search. Now and
again we find just enough to enable us to carry on. I now doubt that any
of us will completely find and be found in this life.

~Jean Toomer

But words is like th spots on dice: no matter how y fumbles em, there's
times when they jes wont come.

~Jean Toomer

It takes a well-spent lifetime, and perhaps more, to crystalize in us that
for which we exist.

~Jean Toomer

some genius of the South With blood-hot eyes and cane-lipped scented
mouth, Surprised in making folk-songs from soul sounds.

~Jean Toomer

O land and soil, red soil and sweet-gum tree, So scant of grass, so
profligate of pines

~Jean Toomer

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