

# Jenny Downham Quotes

*Thinking, Want, Love You, Believe, Hurt, Years, Kissing, People, Fall, Moments,  
Girl, Mean, Hands, Stars, Doors, Made, Hair, Choices, Goodbye, Boys*

I wish I had a boyfriend. I wish he lived in the wardrobe on a coat hanger. Whenever I wanted, I could get him out and he'd look at me the way boys do in films, as if I'm beautiful.

~Jenny Downham

I want to die in my own way. It's my illness, my death, my choice. This is what saying yes means.

~Jenny Downham

It was strange how words meant something when they came out of your mouth. Inside your head they were safe and silent, but once they were outside, people grabbed hold of them.

~Jenny Downham

Then she says, 'I love you.' Like three drops of blood falling onto snow.

~Jenny Downham

Every seven years our bodies change, every cell. Every seven years, we disappear.

~Jenny Downham

We make patterns, we share moments.

~Jenny Downham

All I know is that I have two choices - stay wrapped in blankets and get on with dying, or get the list back together and get on with living.

~Jenny Downham

Bye, Tess. haunt me if you like. I don't mind.

~Jenny Downham

Keep breathing. Just keep doing it. It's easy. In and out.

~Jenny Downham

It's all right, Tessa, you can go. We love you. You can go now.' 'Why are you saying that?' 'She might need permission to die, Cal.' 'I don't want her to. She doesn't have my permission.

~Jenny Downham

I love you. I love you. I send this message through my fingers and into his, up his arm and into his heart. Hear me. I love you. And I'm sorry to leave you.

~Jenny Downham

Don't pretend to care. I don't need you as an anesthetic.

~Jenny Downham

Perhaps I'm dead. Perhaps this is all it will be. The living will carry on in their world - touching, walking. And I'll continue in this empty world, tapping soundlessly on the glass between us.

~Jenny Downham

It's as if a child with a brush and too much enthusiasm has been set free with a tin of black paint inside me.

~Jenny Downham

I don't think words reach people. Maybe nothing does

~Jenny Downham

I mean it. Whatever happens, you have to believe that.

~Jenny Downham

It hurts and hurts to have him this close. I feel sick with it.

~Jenny Downham

I made a fatal error thinking he could save me.

~Jenny Downham

Life is made up of a series of moments, each one a journey to the end.

~Jenny Downham

Every breath, every heartbeat, was one less until maybe things stopped hurting this much.

~Jenny Downham

Parents don't know their children at all. No one knows anyone, in fact.

~Jenny Downham

You changed the rules of the universe when you fell in love with the enemy.

~Jenny Downham

She needed food. Diets didn't count in a crisis.

~Jenny Downham

And now he's down this for me. He's made me famous. He's put my name on the world.

~Jenny Downham

I miss him as soon as he goes. When he isn't with me, I think I made him up.

~Jenny Downham

I didn't understand that when you make love, you actually do MAKE love. Stir things. Affect each other. The breath that escapes from me is dazzled. He breathes it in with a gasp.

~Jenny Downham

If you want a girl to like you, you have to listen like a woman and love like a man.

~Jenny Downham

I said I wouldn't leave her.

~Jenny Downham

Every few years we disappear, Zoey. All our cells are replaced by others. Not a single bit of me is the same as when I was last in this room.

~Jenny Downham

She'll understand what I already know - that death surrounds us all. And it tastes like metal between your teeth.

~Jenny Downham

The inside of the door is glossy white. A total re-paint. I touch it with my fingers, but it stays the same. It's so bright it makes the room waver at the edges. Every few years we disappear.

~Jenny Downham

Hold my hand. Don't let go.

~Jenny Downham

Moments. All gathering towards this one.

~Jenny Downham

We make patterns, we share moments. Sometimes, I think I'm the only one to see it.

~Jenny Downham

I've always wanted to be a cat. Warm and domesticated when you want to be, wild when you don't.

~Jenny Downham

I lean back on the pillows and look at the corners of the room. When I was a kid, I always wanted to live on the ceiling - it looked so clean and uncluttered, like the top of a cake.

~Jenny Downham

Like a tree losing its leaves. I forget even the thing I was thinking.

~Jenny Downham

No, really. I free you.' I don't want to be free.

~Jenny Downham

The light is heart-breaking.

~Jenny Downham

. . . my bones they'll burn or bury. It'll be my death.

~Jenny Downham

Are you afraid, Tessa?

~Jenny Downham

I imagine horses in the engine, their manes flying, their breaths steaming, their nostrils flaring as they gallop.

~Jenny Downham

I want the people I love to get up and speak about me, and even if you cry it'll be OK. I want you to say honest things.

~Jenny Downham

I love you. It hurts more than anything ever has, but I do. So don't you dare tell me I don't. Don't you ever say it again!

~Jenny Downham

Should we say something?' Cal asks. 'Goodbye, bird?' I suggest. He nods. 'Goodbye, bird. Thank you for coming. And good luck.

~Jenny Downham

Statement: A girl and a boy jump into a river. The boy swims over to the

girl and says, "God, it's cold." Question: What's the probability they will kiss?

~Jenny Downham

Do you want this to be a love story?

~Jenny Downham

The last few weeks, it was as if someone had taken his life to pieces and let him see the way it worked.

~Jenny Downham

I don't want to go into a fridge at an undertaker's. I want you to keep me at home until the funeral. Please can someone sit with me in case I get lonely? I promise not to scare you.

~Jenny Downham

Maybe you should say goodbye, Cal.' 'No.' 'It might be important.' 'It might make her die.

~Jenny Downham

Her skin tasted expensive.

~Jenny Downham

Was this love? Because it hurt. It was like a bit of glass stuck somewhere important--his heart or his head, and it was throbbing.

~Jenny Downham

That slow smile again. I love that smile! Did I think he was ugly just now? No, his face is transformed.

~Jenny Downham

I shrug him off. 'Can't you just go away?' There's a moment. It has a sound in it, as if something very small got broken.

~Jenny Downham

Don't think you have to be good because you're the only one left. Be as bad as you like.

~Jenny Downham

I'm me and you're you, and all of them out there are them. And we're all so different and equally unimportant.

~Jenny Downham

Humans are made from nuclear ash of dead stars

~Jenny Downham

It's utterly beautiful not to know my own edges.

~Jenny Downham

Nurses never tell you what they know. They're hired for their cheeriness and the thickness of their hair. They need to look alive and healthy, to give the patients something to aim for.

~Jenny Downham

I want you to be with me in the dark. To hold me. To keep loving me. To help me when I get scared. To come right to the edge and see what's there.

~Jenny Downham

She'd never in her whole life bunked school, smoked dope, or kissed a boy whose name she didn't know, and yet in the last few days, she'd done all these things.

~Jenny Downham

It's a shame i can't be there myself - i like parties. Text me if you think of any good hymns!

~Jenny Downham

Maybe I'll come back as somebody else. I'll be the wild-haired girl



Adam meets in his first week at university. â€œHi, are you on the horticultural course as well?

~Jenny Downham

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