

John Dryden

Quotes

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Jealousy is the jaundice of the soul.

~John Dryden

Self-defense is Nature's eldest law.

~John Dryden

â€œSo when the last and dreadful hour
This crumbling pageant shall
devour, The trumpet shall be heard on high,
The dead shall live, the
living die, And Music shall untune the sky

~John Dryden

He with a graceful pride, While his rider every hand survey'd,
Sprung loose, and flew into an escapade;
Not moving forward, yet with every
bound Pressing, and seeming still to quit his ground.

~John Dryden

When he spoke, what tender words he used!
So softly, that like flakes
of feathered snow, They melted as they fell.

~John Dryden

Fool that I was, upon my eagle's wings
I bore this wren, till I was tired
with soaring, and now he mounts above me.

~John Dryden

Dead men tell no tales.

~John Dryden

For they can conquer who believe they can.

~John Dryden

Dancing is the poetry of the foot.

~John Dryden

The sooner you treat your son as a man, the sooner he will be one.

~John Dryden

We first make our habits, and then our habits make us.

~John Dryden

Love is not in our choice but in our fate.

~John Dryden

When bounteous autumn rears her head, she joys to pull the ripened pear.

~John Dryden

Kings fight for empires, madmen for applause.

~John Dryden

Love works a different way in different minds, the fool it enlightens and the wise it blinds.

~John Dryden

Confidence is the feeling we have before knowing all the facts

~John Dryden

Love reckons hours for months, and days for years; and every little absence is an age.

~John Dryden

He who trusts secrets to a servant makes him his master

~John Dryden

But love's a malady without a cure.

~John Dryden

I'm a little wounded, but I am not slain; I will lay me down to bleed a while. Then I'll rise and fight again.

~John Dryden

Wit will shine Through the harsh cadence of a rugged line.

~John Dryden

He look'd in years, yet in his years were seen
A youthful vigor, and autumnal green.

~John Dryden

He who would search for pearls must dive below.

~John Dryden

Rich the treasure, Sweet the pleasure,- Sweet is pleasure after pain.

~John Dryden

Fortune confounds the wise, And when they least expect it turns the
dice.

~John Dryden

Hushed as midnight silence.

~John Dryden

Let grace and goodness be the principal loadstone of thy affections. For
love which hath ends, will have an end; whereas that which is founded
on true virtue, will always continue.

~John Dryden

Love is a child that talks in broken language, yet then he speaks most
plain.

~John Dryden

And write whatever Time shall bring to pass
With pens of adamant on
plates of brass.

~John Dryden

He trudged along unknowing what he sought, And whistled as he went,
for want of thought.

~John Dryden

And that the Scriptures, though not everywhere Free from corruption, or
entire, or clear, Are uncorrupt, sufficient, clear, entire In all things which
our needful faith require.

~John Dryden

Those who write ill, and they who ne'er durst write, Turn critics out of
mere revenge and spite.

~John Dryden

For truth has such a face and such a mien, as to be loved needs only to
be seen.

~John Dryden

Ye moon and stars, bear witness to the truth.

~John Dryden

The Jews, a headstrong, moody, murmuring race.

~John Dryden

With odorous oil thy head and hair are sleek; And then thou kemb'st the
tuzzes on thy cheek: Of these, my barbers take a costly care.

~John Dryden

When I consider life, 'tis all a cheat; Yet, fooled with hope, men favour
the deceit; Trust on, and think tomorrow will repay. Tomorrow's falser
than the former day.

~John Dryden

So the false spider, when her nets are spread, deep ambushed in her
silent den does lie.

~John Dryden

Revealed religion first informed thy sight, and reason saw not till faith sprung to light.

~John Dryden

The unhappy man, who once has trail'd a pen, Lives not to please himself, but other men; Is always drudging, wastes his life and blood, Yet only eats and drinks what you think good.

~John Dryden

And that one hunting, which the Devil design'd For one fair female, lost him half the kind.

~John Dryden

Beware the fury of a patient man.

~John Dryden

None would live past years again, Yet all hope pleasure in what yet remain; And, from the dregs of life, think to receive, What the first sprightly running could not give.

~John Dryden

You see through love, and that deludes your sight, As what is straight seems crooked through the water.

~John Dryden

Merit challenges envy.

~John Dryden

He has not learned the first lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear.

~John Dryden

Better to hunt in fields, for health unbought, Than fee the doctor for a nauseous draught, The wise, for cure, on exercise depend; God never made his work for man to mend.

~John Dryden

Shame on the body for breaking down while the spirit perseveres.

~John Dryden

Pains of love be sweeter far than all other pleasures are.

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Drinking is the soldier's pleasure.

~John Dryden

Riches cannot rescue from the grave, which claims alike the monarch and the slave.

~John Dryden

Reason to rule, mercy to forgive: The first is law, the last prerogative. Life is an adventure in forgiveness.

~John Dryden

He invades authors like a monarch; and what would be theft in other poets is only victory in him.

~John Dryden

Presence of mind and courage in distress, Are more than arrives to procure success?

~John Dryden

We must beat the iron while it is hot, but we may polish it at leisure.

~John Dryden

Beauty, like ice, our footing does betray; Who can tread sure on the smooth, slippery way: Pleased with the surface, we glide swiftly on, And see the dangers that we cannot shun.

~John Dryden

I am as free as nature first made man, Ere the base laws of servitude began, When wild in woods the noble savage ran.

~John Dryden

When a man's life is under debate, The judge can ne'er too long deliberate.

~John Dryden

And love's the noblest frailty of the mind.

~John Dryden

By education most have been misled.

~John Dryden

When I consider life, it is all a cheat. Yet fooled with hope, people favor this deceit.

~John Dryden

Genius must be born, and never can be taught.

~John Dryden

Possess your soul with patience.

~John Dryden

Boldness is a mask for fear, however great.

~John Dryden

Secret guilt is by silence revealed.

~John Dryden

Old age creeps on us ere we think it nigh.

~John Dryden

The scum that rises upmost, when the nation boils.

~John Dryden

Few know the use of life before 'tis past.

~John Dryden

Calms appear, when Storms are past; Love will have his Hour at last:
Nature is my kindly Care; Mars destroys, and I repair; Take me, take
me, while you may, Venus comes not ev'ry Day.

~John Dryden

Silence in times of suffering is the best.

~John Dryden

Bacchus ever fair and young, Drinking joys did first ordain. Bacchus's
blessings are a treasure, Drinking is the soldier's pleasure, Rich the
treasure, Sweet the pleasure- Sweet is pleasure after pain.

~John Dryden

God never made his work for man to mend.

~John Dryden

Fool, not to know that love endures no tie, And Jove but laughs at
lovers' perjury.

~John Dryden

At home the hateful names of parties cease, And factious souls are
wearied into peace.

~John Dryden

Anger will never disappear so long as thoughts of resentment are cherished in the mind. Anger will disappear just as soon as thoughts of resentment are forgotten.

~John Dryden

Plots, true or false, are necessary things, To raise up commonwealths and ruin kings.

~John Dryden

Errors like straws upon the surface flow, Who would search for pearls to be grateful for often must dive below.

~John Dryden

Nor is the people's judgment always true: the most may err as grossly as the few.

~John Dryden

We can never be grieved for their miseries who are thoroughly wicked, and have thereby justly called their calamities on themselves.

~John Dryden

Men are but children of a larger growth, Our appetites as apt to change as theirs, And full as craving too, and full as vain.

~John Dryden

For Art may err, but Nature cannot miss.

~John Dryden

Bold knaves thrive without one grain of sense, But good men starve for want of impudence.

~John Dryden

For secrets are edged tools, And must be kept from children and from fools.

~John Dryden

Reason is a crutch for age, but youth is strong enough to walk alone.

~John Dryden

For all the happiness mankind can gain Is not in pleasure, but in rest from pain.

~John Dryden

Take not away the life you cannot give: For all things have an equal right to live.

~John Dryden

Death in itself is nothing; but we fear to be we know not what, we know not where.

~John Dryden

None, none descends into himself, to find The secret imperfections of his mind: But every one is eagle-ey'd to see Another's faults, and his deformity.

~John Dryden

Rhyme is the rock on which thou art to wreck.

~John Dryden

The Fates but only spin the coarser clue; The finest of the wool is left for you.

~John Dryden

All, as they say, that glitters is not gold.

~John Dryden

Joy rul'd the day, and Love the night.

~John Dryden

The soft complaining flute, In dying notes, discovers The woes of hopeless lovers.

~John Dryden

Beauty is nothing else but a just accord and mutual harmony of the members, animated by a healthful constitution.

~John Dryden

Let Fortune empty her whole quiver on me, I have a soul that, like an ample shield, Can take in all, and verge enough for more; Fate was not mine, nor am I Fate's: Souls know no conquerors.

~John Dryden

O freedom, first delight of human kind!

~John Dryden

Only man clogs his happiness with care, destroying what is with thoughts of what may be.

~John Dryden

War is the trade of kings.

~John Dryden

Order is the greatest grace.

~John Dryden

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