

John Millington Synge

Quotes

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Apples, Forever, Beauty, Horse, Moving, Enough, Ireland And The Irish,
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There is no language like the Irish for soothing and quieting.

~John Millington Synge

Lord, confound this surly sister, blight her brow with blotch and blister,
cramp her larynx, lung and liver, in her guts a galling give her.

~John Millington Synge

I knew the stars, the flowers, and the birds, The gray and wintry sides
of many glens, And did but half remember human words, In converse
with the mountains, moors, and fens.

~John Millington Synge

The general knowledge of time on the island depends, curiously
enough, on the direction of the wind.

~John Millington Synge

Every article on these islands has an almost personal character, which
gives this simple life, where all art is unknown, something of the artistic
beauty of medieval life.

~John Millington Synge

It gave me a moment of exquisite satisfaction to find myself moving
away from civilisation in this rude canvas canoe of a model that has
served primitive races since men first went to sea.

~John Millington Synge

A man who is not afraid of the sea will soon be drowned, for he will be
going out on a day when he shouldn't.

~John Millington Synge

They're cheering a young lad, the champion playboy of the Western
World.

~John Millington Synge

No man at all can be living forever and we must be satisfied.

~John Millington Synge

Foreign languages are another favourite topic, and as these men are bilingual they have a fair notion of what it means to speak and think in many different idioms.

~John Millington Synge

What is the price of a thousand horses against a son where there is one son only?

~John Millington Synge

It is the timber of poetry that wears most surely, and there is no timber that has not strong roots among the clay and worms.

~John Millington Synge

In a good play every speech should be as fully flavored as a nut or apple.

~John Millington Synge

Words, particularly in a play, should have the texture of a crisp, autumn apple.

~John Millington Synge

The drama, like the symphony, does not teach or prove anything.

~John Millington Synge

I'm a good scholar when it comes to reading but a blotting kind of writer when you give me a pen.

~John Millington Synge

Before verse can be human again it must learn to be brutal.

~John Millington Synge

A translation is no translation unless it will give you the music of a poem along with the words of it.

~John Millington Synge

All the rare and royal names Wormy sheepskin yet retains

~John Millington Synge

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