

John Townsend Trowbridge Quotes

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Darius was clearly of the opinion That the air is also man's dominion,
And that, with paddle or fins or pinion, We soon or late Shall navigate
The azure, as now we sail the sea.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

With years a richer life begins, the spirit mellow: ripe age gives tones to
violins, wine, and good fellows.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

Men are polished, through act and speech, Each by each, As pebbles
are smoothed on the rolling beach.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

The birds can fly, An' why can't I?

~John Townsend Trowbridge

Not in rewards, but in the strength to strive, the blessing lies.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

For me the diamond dawns are set In rings of beauty.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

A flower more sacred than far-seen success Perfumes my solitary path;
I find Sweet compensation in my humbleness, And reap the harvest of
a quiet mind.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

I keep some portion of my early gleam; Brokenly bright, like
moonbeams on a river, It lights my life, a far illusive dream, Moves as I
move, and leads me on forever.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

The birds can fly, an' why can't I? Must we give in, says he with a grin,
That the bluebird an' phoebe are smarter 'n we be?

~John Townsend Trowbridge

The tears of the young who go their way, last a day; But the grief is long of the old who stay.

~John Townsend Trowbridge

Our days, our deeds, all we achieve or are, Lay folded in our infancy; the things Of good or ill we choose while yet unborn.

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