

# John Webster Quotes

*Men, Heaven, Ambition, Children, Stills, Soul, Duchess, Kings, Soldier, Ruins,  
Body, Fall, Wise, Lust, Light, Political, Husband, Long, Sorrow, Heart*

Whether we fall by ambition, blood, or lust, like diamonds we are cut with our own dust.

~John Webster

Lay this unto your breast: Old friends, like old swords, still are trusted best.

~John Webster

Eagles commonly fly alone. They are crows, daws, and starlings that flock together.

~John Webster

When we prohibit others from being different, we end up forfeiting our own right to Liberty.

~John Webster

The chiefest action for a man of great spirit is never to be out of action... the soul was never put into the body to stand still.

~John Webster

Woman to man Is either a God or a wolfe.

~John Webster

Do you not weep? Other sins only speak; murder shrieks out. The element of water moistens the earth, But blood flies upwards and bedews the heavens.

~John Webster

Cowardly dogs bark loudest.

~John Webster

See, a good habit makes a child a man, Whereas a bad one makes a man a beast.

~John Webster

Sorrow is held the eldest child of sin.

~John Webster

Glories, like glow-worms, afar off shine bright, But looked to near, have neither heat nor light.

~John Webster

That friend a great man's ruin strongly checks, who rails into his belief all his defects.

~John Webster

See, the curse of children! In life they keep us frequently in tears, And in the cold grave leave us in pale fears.

~John Webster

Heaven fashioned us of nothing; and we strive to bring ourselves to nothing.

~John Webster

Gold that buys health can never be ill spent, Nor hours laid out in harmless merriment.

~John Webster

In all our quest of greatness, like wanton boys, whose pastime is their care, we follow after bubbles, blown in the air.

~John Webster

The soul was never put in the body to stand still.

~John Webster

Is not old wine wholesomest, old pippins toothsomest, old wood burn brightest, old linen wash whitest? Old soldiers, sweethearts, are surest, and old lovers are soundest.

~John Webster

Ambition, madam, is a great man's madness.

~John Webster

Though lust do masque in ne'er so strange disguise she's oft found witty, but is never wise.

~John Webster

When a man's mind rides faster than his horse can gallop they quickly both tire.

~John Webster

Let guilty men remember, their black deeds Do lean on crutches made of slender reeds.

~John Webster

DUCHESS: Diamonds are of most value, They say, that have past through most jewellers' hands. FERDINAND: Whores, by that rule, are precious.

~John Webster

I have long served virtue, And never ta'en wages of her.

~John Webster

I account this world a tedious theater, For I do play a part in 't 'gainst my will.

~John Webster

How tedious is a guilty conscience!

~John Webster

Oh, yes, thy sins Do run before thee to fetch fire from hell, To light thee thither.

~John Webster

Man may his fate foresee, but not prevent. 'Tis better to be fortunate than wise.

~John Webster

Poor maids have more lovers than husbands.

~John Webster

Physicians are like kings- They brook no contradiction.

~John Webster

Lust carries her sharp whip At her own girdle.

~John Webster

That realm is never long in quiet, where the ruler is a soldier.

~John Webster

Were there no heaven nor hell I should be honest.

~John Webster

I do love these ancient ruins. We never tread upon them but we set Our foot upon some reverend history.

~John Webster

The misery of us, that are born great, We are forced to woo because none dare woo us.

~John Webster

I am Duchess of Malfi still.

~John Webster

All the damnable degrees Of drinking have you staggered through.

~John Webster

Imyself haveheard averygood jest, and have scorned to seem to have so

sillya wit as to understand it.

~John Webster

A politician is the devil's quilted anvil; He fashions all sins on him, and the blows are never heard.

~John Webster

Man is most happy, when his own actions are arguments and examples of his virtue.

~John Webster

Love mixed with fear is sweetness.

~John Webster

All things do help the unhappy man to fall.

~John Webster

For the subtlest folly proceeds from the subtlest wisdom.

~John Webster

Knowledge Is Power! Train smart and obtain power!

~John Webster

Vain the ambition of kings Who seek by trophies and dead things To leave a living name behind, And weave but nets to catch the wind.

~John Webster

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