

# Kathleen Raine

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I've read all the books but one Only remains sacred: this Volume of wonders, open Always before my eyes.

~Kathleen Raine

Meanings, moods, the whole scale of our inner experience, finds in nature the 'correspondences' through which we may know our boundless selves.

~Kathleen Raine

Intent on one great love, perfect, Requited and for ever, I missed love's everywhere Small presence, thousand-guised.

~Kathleen Raine

Chemistry dissolves the goddess in the alembic, Venus, the white queen, the universal matrix, Down to the molecular hexagons and carbon-chains.

~Kathleen Raine

... the poem reminds us of what we ourselves know, but did not know we knew; reminds us, above all, of what we are.

~Kathleen Raine

Of all the arts the living of a life is perhaps the greatest; to live every moment of life with the same imaginative commitment as the poet brings to a special field.

~Kathleen Raine

Nature is the common, universal language, understood by all.

~Kathleen Raine

I couldn't claim that I have never felt the urge to explore evil, but when you descend into hell you have to be very careful.

~Kathleen Raine

The work of the artist is to heal the soul.

~Kathleen Raine

And see the peaceful trees extend their myriad leaves in leisured dance- they bear the weight of sky and cloud upon the fountain of their veins.

~Kathleen Raine

Sensing us, the trees tremble in their sleep, The living leaves recoil before our fires, Baring to us war-charred and broken branches, And seeing theirs, we for our own destruction weep.

~Kathleen Raine

Academia is a graveyard of poets.

~Kathleen Raine

Being a poet is not a job or a profession but a way of life.

~Kathleen Raine

As a child I became a confirmed believer in the ancient gods simply because as between the reality of fact and the reality of myth, I chose myth...Myth is the truth of fact, not fact the truth of myth.

~Kathleen Raine

The air is full of a farewell- deserted by the silver lake lies the wild world, overturned. Cities rise where the mountains fell, the furnace where the phoenix burned

~Kathleen Raine

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