

Kenneth Rexroth

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Against the ruin of the world, there is only one defense: the creative act.

~Kenneth Rexroth

I've had it with these cheap sons of bitches who claim they love poetry but never buy a book.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Maturity is having the ability to escape categorization.

~Kenneth Rexroth

The holiness of the real Is always there, accessible In total immanence.
The nodes Of transcendence coagulate In you, the experiencer, And in the other, the lover.

~Kenneth Rexroth

You don't become a saint until you lead a good life whether in Tibet or Italy or America.

~Kenneth Rexroth

There have always been those who, though they see tragedy as the outcome of freedom, will nevertheless judge that tragedy is not too high a price to pay.

~Kenneth Rexroth

The meaning of life can be revealed but never explained.

~Kenneth Rexroth

It takes great labor to uncover the convincing simple speech of the heart. Poetic candor comes with hard labor, so even does impetuosity and impudence.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Man thrives where angels would die of ecstasy and where pigs would

die of disgust.

~Kenneth Rexroth

You learn nothing if you carry with you a journalistic system of values, which is invented to save reporters from experience.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Bohemia is a commune in which the Revolution is over and everyone is a member of the aristocracy

~Kenneth Rexroth

Poetry has ceased to be a public art and has become, as Whitehead said of religion, "What man does with his aloneness.

~Kenneth Rexroth

As Aristotle said, you have to be an aristocrat or a reactionary to write a good proletarian poem.

~Kenneth Rexroth

An entomologist is not a bug.

~Kenneth Rexroth

It is a commonplace that Racine is untranslatable. This is not because his verse is difficult, but because it is not.

~Kenneth Rexroth

With my own group I like to keep it loose. They have to counter rather than go with me. When they stop I like to be moving.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Did you know I staged the first performance in America of At the Hawk's Well?

~Kenneth Rexroth

Victorian society was homogeneous without being homogenized. It was, to paraphrase the epigram about Parliament, a society of extreme eccentrics who agreed so well that they could afford to differ.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Erotic love is one of the highest forms of contemplation.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Lost in loneliness and pain. Black and unendurable, Thinking of you with every Corpuscle of my flesh, in Every instant of night And day.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Crooked cards and straight whiskey, Slow horses and fast women.

~Kenneth Rexroth

When the newspapers have got nothing else to talk about, they cut loose on the young. The young are always news. If they are up to something, that's news. If they aren't, that's news too.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Art is the reasoned derangement of the senses.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Men who live like Casanova are seldom interested in themselves; their egocentricity does not give them time for egotism.

~Kenneth Rexroth

The basic line in any good verse is cadenced... building it around the natural breath structures of speech.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Love is the garment of knowledge.

~Kenneth Rexroth

I've been around jazz and jazz musicians most of my life.

~Kenneth Rexroth

Any talented decadent can make unreality believable. To make reality convincing is another matter, a matter for only the greatest masters.

~Kenneth Rexroth

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