

# Knut Hamsun Quotes

*Men, Blood, Able, Soul, Light, Pain, And Love, Flower, Thinking, Giving, Fall,  
Love Is, Fate, Matter, Heart, Secret, Eye, Long, Way, Two*

Do not forget, some give little, and it is much for them, others give all, and it costs them no effort; who then has given most?

~Knut Hamsun

In old age we are like a batch of letters that someone has sent. We are no longer in the past, we have arrived.

~Knut Hamsun

Truth is neither objectivity nor the balanced view; truth is a selfless subjectivity.

~Knut Hamsun

I love three things," I then say. "I love a dream of love I once had, I love you, and I love this patch of earth." "And which do you love best?" "The dream.

~Knut Hamsun

But what really matters is not what you believe but the faith and conviction with which you believe.

~Knut Hamsun

In my solitude, many miles from men and houses, I am in a childishly happy and carefree state of mind, which you are incapable of understanding unless someone explains it to you

~Knut Hamsun

No worse fate can befall a young man or woman than becoming prematurely entrenched in prudence and negation.

~Knut Hamsun

A word can be transformed into a colour, light, a smell; it is the writer's task to use it in such a way that it serves, never fails, can never be ignored.

~Knut Hamsun

Love is every bit as violent and dangerous as murder.

~Knut Hamsun

But things worked out. Everything works out. Though sometimes they work out sideways.

~Knut Hamsun

I stood in the lee of an overhanging rock and thought of many things.

~Knut Hamsun

There is nothing like being left alone again, to walk peacefully with oneself in the woods. To boil one's coffee and fill one's pipe, and to think idly and slowly as one does it.

~Knut Hamsun

Today riches and honours have been lavished on me, but one gift has been lacking, the most important one of all, the only one that matters, the gift of youth.

~Knut Hamsun

I can't even make up a rhyme about an umbrella, let alone death and life and eternal peace.

~Knut Hamsun

And love was creation's source, creation's ruler; but all love's ways are strewn with blossoms and blood, blossoms and blood.

~Knut Hamsun

I have gone to the forest.

~Knut Hamsun

The whisper of the blood and the pleading of the bone marrow.

~Knut Hamsun

But now it was spring again, and spring was almost unbearable for sensitive hearts. It drove creation to its utmost limits, it wafted its spice-laden breath even into the nostrils of the innocent.

~Knut Hamsun

One must know and recognize not merely the direct but the secret power of the word.

~Knut Hamsun

You are welcome to your intellectual pastimes and books and art and newspapers; welcome, too, to your bars and your whisky that only makes me ill. Here am I in the forest, quite content.

~Knut Hamsun

Heaven knows that there are plenty of opportunities in later life, too, for being carried away. What of it? We remain what we are and, no doubt, it is all very good for us!

~Knut Hamsun

There was a rock in front of my hut, a tall, gray rock. By its looks it seemed to be well-disposed toward me.

~Knut Hamsun

Were I more conversant with literature and its great names, I could go on quoting them ad infinitum and acknowledge my debt for the merit you have been generous enough to find in my work

~Knut Hamsun

And love became the world's origin and the world's ruler, yet littered its path is with flowers and blood, flowers and blood.

~Knut Hamsun

When good befalls a man he calls it Providence, when evil fate.

~Knut Hamsun

Keep it, keep it!" I answered. "You are very welcome to it! It is only a couple of small things, doesn't amount to anythingâ€”about everything I own in the world.

~Knut Hamsun

Small jerks began to appear in my legs, my walk became unsteady precisely because I wanted it to be smooth.

~Knut Hamsun

The long, long road over the moors and up into the forest - who trod it into being first of all? Man, a human being, the first that came here. There was no path before he came.

~Knut Hamsun

I have had much to learn from Sweden's poetry and, more especially, from her lyrics of the last generation.

~Knut Hamsun

What will I do when I can no longer dig?

~Knut Hamsun

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