

Lauren DeStefano

Quotes

*World, Girl, Thinking, Trying, Fall, Children, Sky, Broken, Years, Long, Giving,
Mean, Husband, Hands, Want, Said, Alive, Dying, Mother, Way*

Most dystopian, classic and contemporary, paints a future world that puts a twist on present society - a future world that could plausibly happen.

~Lauren DeStefano

Set fire to the broken pieces; start anew.

~Lauren DeStefano

Dystopian, by definition, promises a darker story.

~Lauren DeStefano

Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.

~Lauren DeStefano

I think she's brave. I think that nobody has ever believed what she could be capable of. All her life, nobody was listening.

~Lauren DeStefano

There's a hazy smile on her lips that won't go away, and her hair is a mess. It's like a brushfire filled with casualties.

~Lauren DeStefano

I have always been fascinated by the ocean, to dip a limb beneath its surface and know that I'm touching eternity, that it goes on forever until it begins here again.

~Lauren DeStefano

We writers are resilient souls.

~Lauren DeStefano

Her mind is a bird that's trapped inside her skull, flapping and thrashing, never breaking free.

~Lauren DeStefano

Childhood is a long, long road, from which that dark whispering forest of death seems an impossible destination.

~Lauren DeStefano

I can hear my brother's voice in my head. Your problem is that you're too emotional. But how can I not be emotional, Rowan? How can I not care?

~Lauren DeStefano

We are stronger than we've credited ourselves to be. We have been the victims and the witnesses. We have said a lifetime of good-byes.

~Lauren DeStefano

When I am writing anything in general, I just want to tell the story that exists in my head; I don't try to write a parable or make a point.

~Lauren DeStefano

The madness of youth made me unafraid.

~Lauren DeStefano

There's a sort of dead passion in him. A spark that, had he more years to live, would be a wildfire.

~Lauren DeStefano

I never wanted to live forever," she says. "I just wanted enough time.

~Lauren DeStefano

Things will get worse before they get better.

~Lauren DeStefano

It taught that there are three versions of things: the one I see in my mind, and the one that carries onto the paper, and then what it

ultimately becomes.

~Lauren DeStefano

Even the human race can't claim to be natural anymore. We are fake, dying things. How fitting that I would end up in this sham of a marriage.

~Lauren DeStefano

I don't know if it was love or an illusion. I don't know if there's ever a way to be certain.

~Lauren DeStefano

I see an ocean that's spilled out of a wineglass, its body clear and sparkling and folding over itself. I see a ribbon of sand.

~Lauren DeStefano

Vaughn is talking about the heat, and his voice is so excited that it breaks into whispers at times. He loves his madness the way a bird loves the sky.

~Lauren DeStefano

I should not have loved my daughter as I did. Not in this world in which nothing lives for long. You children are flies. You are roses. You multiply and die.

~Lauren DeStefano

Lovers are weapons, but love is a wound.

~Lauren DeStefano

In the distance I see a lighthouse. The light washes over us and continues on its rotation. This time, I don't know where the light will guide us.

~Lauren DeStefano

There's a world out there that nobody has bothered to promise her.

~Lauren DeStefano

Maybe it is desperation. Maybe we can't let things fall apart without trying. We can't let go of the people we love.

~Lauren DeStefano

In another time, in another place, I wonder who they might have been.

~Lauren DeStefano

The trick was looking past the illusion, because the exit was never as far away as it seemed.

~Lauren DeStefano

I think, in this strange world of beautiful things, there may be some humanity after all.

~Lauren DeStefano

Tell freedom I said hello.' 'If I happen to see it, I will.

~Lauren DeStefano

Home?' I say. It's a word that can mean anywhere and nowhere.

~Lauren DeStefano

Once upon a time there were two parents, two children, and a brick house with lilies in the yard. The parents died, the lilies wilted. One child disappeared. Then the other." Pg 225

~Lauren DeStefano

Hope, that risky, illustrious thing. It should have gone extinct by now, but we keep it alive.

~Lauren DeStefano

Don't you miss it?" I say. "Being free." He laughs.

~Lauren DeStefano

She's beautiful and graceful, and she is very compassionate and loyal when you aren't responsible for the murder of her family.

~Lauren DeStefano

She has the majesty of hurricanes and explosions.

~Lauren DeStefano

Maybe what frightens us about the edge isn't our fear of morality, but the thoughts it leads us to have.

~Lauren DeStefano

I start trying to stay unconscious. The problem with this is that no amount of willpower can change the reality.

~Lauren DeStefano

Every star has been set in the sky. We mistakenly think they were put there for us.

~Lauren DeStefano

I had this feeling like the solution to everything would be down there if only I could dig through all those clouds.

~Lauren DeStefano

But I know all the things you're too sweet to know.

~Lauren DeStefano

I'm suddenly finding it hard to know the difference between nightmares and consciousness.

~Lauren DeStefano

He sits next to me, careful to avoid my hair that's splayed out around my head like blood. A bullet to the forehead, boom, blond waves everywhere.

~Lauren DeStefano

There's a limit to how much living can be done in a life without freedom.

~Lauren DeStefano

It doesn't matter how much his mother loves him; love is not enough to keep any of us alive.

~Lauren DeStefano

Rhine. The river that, somewhere out there, has broken free.

~Lauren DeStefano

So many of the things I've wanted are the things I've been taught to fear.

~Lauren DeStefano

Someday I'll tell you all of it," I say. "I'd like that," he says. "No," I say. "I promise you won't.

~Lauren DeStefano

I liked just being with you. I liked the way you breathed when you were asleep. I liked when you took the champagne glass from my hand. I liked how your fingers were always too long for your gloves.

~Lauren DeStefano

Good night, sweetheart," he says. "Good bye, sweetheart," I say. And it's so casual, so innocent that he doesn't suspect a thing.

~Lauren DeStefano

She's a commodity in a sea of broken girls.

~Lauren DeStefano

I wanted so badly to tell him, but something about that entire night seemed so beautiful, so bizarre, that I didn't trust it with my secrets.

~Lauren DeStefano

...maybe hope isn't such a bad thing. Maybe it's what keeps us together.

~Lauren DeStefano

It's the silence I imagine in the rest of the world, the silence of an endless ocean and uninhabitable island, a silence that can be seen from space.

~Lauren DeStefano

I'll tell you something about true love. There's no science to it. It's as natural as the sky.

~Lauren DeStefano

There is no choice for him but to believe. He has nothing left to give in offering.

~Lauren DeStefano

Gabriel's voice can reach me anywhere. Even in a hurricane.

~Lauren DeStefano

And everywhere girls, tumbling from trees like orange blossoms and hitting the earth with sickening thuds. They crack open.

~Lauren DeStefano

I wish I had a memory of that first violent shove, the shock of cold air, the sting of oxygen into new lungs. Everyone should remember being born. It doesn't seem fair that we only remember dying.

~Lauren DeStefano

The seeds are tiny, unborn things, and I resent them. They'll be planted and they'll grow into exactly what they're meant to be.

~Lauren DeStefano

It's quiet for a while, and then Rowan says; "We could talk now. We're

alone out here. No walls." "There are always walls." I say.

~Lauren DeStefano

Do you know what my father used to say?" I ask her. "He used to say that songs had a heart. A crescendo that can make all your blood rush from your head to your toes.

~Lauren DeStefano

I've done it all before, I tell myself, and I can do it again. Trust is the strongest weapon.

~Lauren DeStefano

I used to have only one name; it used to mean something.

~Lauren DeStefano

Everyone should remember being born. It doesn't seem fair that we only remember dying.

~Lauren DeStefano

I lost everyone I loved," I tell him. I wait for him to look at me, and then I add, "The day I met you.

~Lauren DeStefano

You're insane, you know that?" he says. "It's the only thing keeping me afloat," I say.

~Lauren DeStefano

You've been captive for so long that you don't even realize you want freedom anymore.

~Lauren DeStefano

We figure out what death means when we're born, practically, and we live our whole lives in some kind of weird denial about it.

~Lauren DeStefano

He says one word, nodding into the daylight. "Look." It's an astounding word. It's a gift.

~Lauren DeStefano

I want to make the world into something better so that he can be okay.

~Lauren DeStefano

It's never right to give up on someone.

~Lauren DeStefano

It was a terrible decision, and I confess I'd make it again.

~Lauren DeStefano

Real' is a dirty word in this place.

~Lauren DeStefano

My head is my favorite swimming pool.

~Lauren DeStefano

I've loved you since the day I stole the atlas for you," Gabriel says, because he thinks I'm asleep.

~Lauren DeStefano

To die trying would be better than to die without purpose.

~Lauren DeStefano

I think he's beginning to understand, and understanding is a horrible thing.

~Lauren DeStefano

Love is not enough to keep any of us alive.

~Lauren DeStefano

Even things that aren't broken can be fixed.

~Lauren DeStefano

The only characters I ever don't like are ones that leave no impression on me. And I don't write characters that leave no impression on me.

~Lauren DeStefano

Tell freedom I said hello.

~Lauren DeStefano

It is the face of a girl who has seen the world, who realizes that it hates her, and who hates it in return.

~Lauren DeStefano

I was born into a world that was already dying; I belong to it.

~Lauren DeStefano

Momentum,' She repeats. 'You can't just stand there if you want something to fly. You have to run.

~Lauren DeStefano

There is a dark place calling to me, but I will not go just yet. I know I can't return from it.

~Lauren DeStefano

No matter how lonely it makes me, and no matter how wide and horrific the loneliness, at least I remember who I am.

~Lauren DeStefano

Life is much different from the days when there were lilies in my mother's garden, and all my secrets fit into a paper cup.

~Lauren DeStefano

Write words you're willing to burn at the stake for. Write words you'd believe in even if the rest of the world didn't.

~Lauren DeStefano

But instead of tears, when I press my face against the pillow, a horrible, primal scream comes out of me. It's unlike anything I thought myself capable of. Rage, unlike anything I've ever known.

~Lauren DeStefano

You can try to please everyone and risk accomplishing nothing, or go for your dreams and risk pissing a few people off.

~Lauren DeStefano

The sullen boy sitting before me is not my husband, and the girl he is fretting over isn't me, will never be me.

~Lauren DeStefano

Linden just wants to protect her, is what I want to say. She's all he has. I left him. I'm at arms reach, but I've left him.

~Lauren DeStefano

What have you done? What have you given up?' So many things, Cecily. More than you know.

~Lauren DeStefano

Sometimes we don't know how afraid we are until we've reached a strange door and we don't know what will be on the other side.

~Lauren DeStefano

Perhaps... you love too fiercely.

~Lauren DeStefano

Don't forget how you got here. Don't Forget.

~Lauren DeStefano

The thing about hope is that it doesn't go away even when it serves no

purpose.

~Lauren DeStefano

Love unrequited is violent. He loves you so much that he's turned it into hate.

~Lauren DeStefano

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