

Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Quotes

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Pleasure, Doubt, Habit, Past, Believe, Spring, Kindness, Destiny, Expectations,
Tears, Mind*

Imagination is to love what gas is to the balloon-that which raises it from earth.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

No thoroughly occupied man was ever yet very miserable.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

I think hearts are very much like glasses. If they do not break with the first ring, they usually last a considerable time.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Ah, tell me not that memory sheds gladness o'er the past, what is recalled by faded flowers, save that they did not last?

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Social life is filled with doubts and vain aspirings; solitude, when the imagination is dethroned, is turned to weariness and ennui.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The heart's hushed secret in the soft dark eye.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Ah, tell me not that memory Sheds gladness o'er the past; What is recalled by faded flowers, Save that they did not last? Were it not better to forget, Than but remember and regret?

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

In sad truth, half our forebodings of our neighbors are but our own wishes, which we are ashamed to utter in any other form.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

An apt quotation is like a lamp which flings its light over the whole sentence.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

there is nothing so easy as to be wise for others; a species of prodigality, by-the-by - for such wisdom is wholly wasted.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Strange mystery of our nature, that those in whom genius develops itself in imagination, thus taking its most ethereal form, should yet be the most dependent on the opinions of others!

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Repentance is a one-faced Janus, ever looking to the past.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Enthusiasm is the divine particle in our composition: with it we are great, generous, and true; without it, we are little, false, and mean.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

How often, in this cold and bitter world, is the warm heart thrown back upon itself! Cold, careless, are we of another's grief; we wrap ourselves in sullen selfishness.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

One of the greatest of all mental pleasures is to have our thoughts often divined: ever entered into with sympathy.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Childhood, whose very happiness is love.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Experience teaches, it is true; but she never teaches in time.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

We might have been - these are but common words, and yet they make the sum of life's bewailing.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

My tears are buried in my heart, like cave-locked fountains sleeping.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

How disappointment tracks the steps of hope.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

All profound truths startle you in the first announcement.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Strange the affection which clings to inanimate objects - objects which cannot even know our love! But it is not return that constitutes the strength of an attachment.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

I will look on the stars and look on thee, and read the page of thy destiny.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Are we not like the actor of old times, who wore his mask so long his face took its likeness?

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

My heart is its own grave!

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

A woman's fame is the tomb of her happiness.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

I would give worlds, could I believe One-half that is profess'd me;
Affection! could I think it Thee, When Flattery has caress'd me.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The dream on the pillow, That flits with the day, The leaf of the willow A
breath wears away; The dust on the blossom, The spray on the sea;

Ay,--ask thine own bosom-- Are emblems of thee.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The rich know not how hard it is to be of needful rest and needful food debarred.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Hopes and regrets are the sweetest links of existence.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Sneering springs out of the wish to deny; and wretched must that state of mind be that wishes to take refuge in doubt.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Hard are life's early steps; and but that youth is buoyant, confident, and strong in hope, men would behold its threshold, and despair.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

We need to suffer, that we may learn to pity.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Society is like a large piece of frozen water; and skating well is the great art of social life.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Hope is love's happiness, but not its life.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Perhaps, from an innate desire of justification, sorrow always exaggerates itself. Memory is quite one of Job's friends; and the past is ever ready to throw its added darkness on the present.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

he who seeks pleasure with reference to himself, not others, will ever

find that pleasure is only another name for discontent.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

... many a heart is caught in the rebound ... Pride may be soothed by the ready devotion of another; vanity may be excited the more keenly by recent mortification.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Confidence is its own security.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

What is life? A gulf of troubled waters, where the soul, like a vexed bark, is tossed upon the waves of pain and pleasure by the wavering breath of passions.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Delicious tears! The heart's own dew.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Nothing but love can answer to love; no affection, no kindness, no care, can supply its place: it is its own sweet want.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

the fact is, that life is too short to be occupied by aught but the present - hope and remembrance are equally a waste of time.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

How beautiful, how buoyant, and glad is morning!

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

That which is always within our reach, is always the last thing we take; and the chances are, that what we can do every day, we never do at all.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

sight-seeing gratifies us in different ways. First, there is the pleasure of novelty; secondly, either that of admiration or fault-finding - the latter a very animated enjoyment.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Memory has many conveniences, and, among others, that of foreseeing things as they have afterwards happened.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Few save the poor feel for the poor.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

All sweeping assertions are erroneous.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Travel is as much a passion as ambition or love.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

A sealed book, at whose contents we tremble.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

To enjoy yourself is the easy method to give enjoyment to others.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

All beginnings are very troublesome things.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Whenever I hear a man talking of the advantages of our ill-used sex, I look upon it as the prelude to some new act of authority.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Praise is sometimes a good thing for the diffident and the despondent. It teaches them properly to rely on the kindness of others.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

There are words to paint the misery of love, but none to paint its happiness.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

who has not experienced, at some time or other, that words had all the relief of tears?

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Surprises are like misfortunes or herrings - they rarely come single.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Good taste is his religion, his morality, his standard, and his test.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Nothing is so fortunate for mankind as its diversity of opinion.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

We are ourselves our happiness.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

I do not think that life has a suspense more sickening than that of expecting a letter which does not come.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The past is perpetual youth to the heart.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Fame is bought by happiness.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

no hour arrives so soon as the one we dread.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Shopping, true feminine felicity!

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

There is no denying that there are 'royal roads' through existence for the upper classes; for them, at least, the highways are macadamized, swept, and watered.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The lover and the physician are each popular from the same cause - we talk to them of nothing but ourselves.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

English people ... never speak, excepting in cases of fire or murder, unless they are introduced.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Suicide and antipathy to fires in a bedroom seem to be among the national characteristics. Perhaps the same moral cause may originate both.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Anticipation is a bad sleeping draught.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Jealousy ought to be tragic, to save it from being ridiculous.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

If there be any one habit which more than another is the dry rot of all that is high and generous in youth, it is the habit of ridicule.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The truth is, we like to talk over our disasters, because they are ours; and others like to listen, because they are not theirs.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

To this hour, the great science and duty of politics is lowered by the petty leaven of small and personal advantage.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Youth is a season that has no repose.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

to the many, witticisms not only require to be explained, like riddles, but are also like new shoes, which people require to wear many times before they get accustomed to them.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

A friend is never alarmed for us in the right place.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

... true love is like religion, it hath its silence and its sanctity.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Occupation is one great source of enjoyment. No man, properly occupied, was ever miserable.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

To be rude is as good as being clever.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

I have no parting sigh to give, so take my parting smile.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

A woman only can understand a woman.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

It is amazing how much a thought expands and refines by being put into speech: I should think it could hardly know itself.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Farewell's a bitter word to say.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The very effort to forget teaches us to remember.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

ingratitude is the necessary consequence of receiving favors of which we are ashamed.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Restraint is the golden rule of enjoyment.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

In marriage, as in chemistry, opposites have often an attraction.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

the blessings of matrimony, like those of poverty, belong rather to philosophy than reality.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

I have a respect for family pride. If it be a prejudice, it is a prejudice in its most picturesque shape. But I hold it is connected with some of the noblest feelings in our nature.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

There is a large stock on hand; but somehow or other, nobody's experience ever suits us but our own.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Eyes that droop like summer flowers.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

A preface is a species of literary luxury, where an author, like a lover, is privileged to be egotistical.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

The stars are so far, far away!

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

It is strange what society will endure from its idols.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

in came ... a baby, eloquent as infancy usually is, and like most youthful orators, more easily heard than understood.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

anybody's applause is better than nobody's.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Assuredly, meeting after absence, is one of - ah, no! - it is life's most delicious feeling.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

Affection exaggerates its own offenses.

~Letitia Elizabeth Landon

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