

Martha Ostenso

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Mean, Dream, Thorns, Threads Of Life, Stars, Religion, Knots, Mother, Too
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But one had to go back to the beginning of things, always. Trace the thread of life - find the knot - untangle it.

~Martha Ostenso

The lush green of the fields became a rich gold that swayed sturdily under the wind and fell at last before the hands of the reapers.

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it was a sly trick of God's to give a man work to do - it kept him from asking questions that God couldn't answer.

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I don't see as it matters much how well you mean if it's harm you're doin'.

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By mid-morning a rain as fine as silk spills was weaving over the lake.

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A false vision was better than none.

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Ah, life, life, how madly, how cruelly it raced along your pulses!

~Martha Ostenso

There was nothing so real on the prairie as winter, nothing so memorable.

~Martha Ostenso

There is too much doing - too little being! When we begin to get strenuous, life begins to grow intolerable.

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Time, designing slowly, swiftly; Time, destroying slowly, swiftly; Time

holding, possessing the earth in its tender indifference.

~Martha Ostenso

The snow again. White, white net of beauty, net of dream, trapping the earth, trapping the helpless heart of life.

~Martha Ostenso

The past ... is a dim avenue down which we may walk and find the diverging paths of terror and beauty and passion.

~Martha Ostenso

A sickness ... defines margins, crystallizes the shape of things.

~Martha Ostenso

You have stirred the soil with your plow, my friend. It will never be the same again.

~Martha Ostenso

Listen - man is a child of Nature. When he turns against his mother - he's done! He may not find out about it right away, but he will.

~Martha Ostenso

God, what pathetic creatures had inherited the earth, to walk a little while with their eyes upon the stars and turn their gaze too soon upon the ground that held their feet!

~Martha Ostenso

There's precious little comes of telling people what they don't want to hear.

~Martha Ostenso

Growing old was simply a process of drawing closer to that ultimate independence called death.

~Martha Ostenso

Time passed so much more slowly than space.

~Martha Ostenso

Here and there on the branch of an oak a congress of leaves still clung,
rigid as flakes of bronze.

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Religion is passionate, reckless, destructive, idol-smashing. It's a
martyr burning at the stake. It's a crown of thorns and a cross.

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