

Mary Boykin Chesnut Quotes

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The weight that hangs upon our eyelids - is of lead.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

There is no slave, after all, like a wife...Poor women, poor slaves All married women, all children and girls who live in their father's house are slaves.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

We are divorced, North from South, because we have hated each other so. If we could only separate politely, and not have a horrid fight for divorce.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

I do not allow myself vain regrets or foreboding.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Of all our sorrows, memory is the worst.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

I do not write often now - not for want of something to say, but from a loathing of all I see and hear. Why dwell upon it?

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Brutal men with unlimited power are the same all over the world

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Richmond has fallen - and I have no heart to write about it... They are too many for us. Everything lost in Richmond, even our archives. Blue-black is our horizon.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Oh, if I could put some of my reckless spirit into these discreet cautious lazy men!

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Darkest of all Decembers ever has my life known, Sitting here by the embers, stunned, helpless, alone.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Forgiveness is indifference. Forgiveness is impossible while love lasts.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Women--wives and mothers--are the same everywhere.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

She died praying that she might die.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Is the sea drying up? It is going up into mist and coming down on us in this water spout, the rain. It raineth every day, and the weather represents our tearful despair on a large scale.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

I am always on the women's side.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Peace, comfort, quiet, happiness, I have found away from home. Only your own family, those nearest and dearest, can hurt you.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

Threatened men live long.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

I will laugh at the laughable while I breathe

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

A freshet in the autumn does not compensate for a drought in the spring.

~Mary Boykin Chesnut

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