

# Max Ehrmann

## Quotes

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With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

~Max Ehrmann

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

~Max Ehrmann

And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

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Whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

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Go Placidly, Amid the noise and Haste & Remember what peace there may be in silence.

~Max Ehrmann

May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world knows me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as will keep me friendly with myself.

~Max Ehrmann

Let me not follow in the clamor of the world, but walk calmly in my path.

~Max Ehrmann

In the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

~Max Ehrmann

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

~Max Ehrmann

I contracted a disease which I have never shaken off. The disease was idealism. Because of it, I did the thing in life I wanted to do - Writing.

~Max Ehrmann

Lift up my eyes from the earth and let me not forget the uses of the stars.

~Max Ehrmann

Forbid that I should judge others, lest I condemn myself.

~Max Ehrmann

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

~Max Ehrmann

If you compare yourself to others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

~Max Ehrmann

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.

~Max Ehrmann

Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story.

~Max Ehrmann

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

~Max Ehrmann

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

~Max Ehrmann

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

~Max Ehrmann

Be cheerful . Strive to be happy.

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Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

~Max Ehrmann

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

~Max Ehrmann

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

~Max Ehrmann

You are a child of the universe.

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Let me do my work each day, and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times.

~Max Ehrmann

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

~Max Ehrmann

I should like, if I could, to leave a humble gift -- a bit of chaste prose

that had caught up some noble moods.

~Max Ehrmann

... many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

~Max Ehrmann

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

~Max Ehrmann

Remember what peace there may be in silence.

~Max Ehrmann

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