

Murasaki Shikibu

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Real things in the darkness seem no realer than dreams.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Beauty without colour seems somehow to belong to another world.

~Murasaki Shikibu

There is more here than meets the eye.

~Murasaki Shikibu

No art or learning is to be pursued halfheartedly...and any art worth learning will certainly reward more or less generously the effort made to study it.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Intimacy between stepchildren and stepparents is indeed proverbially difficult.

~Murasaki Shikibu

It is in general the unexplored that attracts us.

~Murasaki Shikibu

There is a tendency among men as well as women ... so soon as they have acquired a little knowledge of some kind, to want to display it to the best advantage.

~Murasaki Shikibu

farewell' is a monster among words, and never yet sounded kindly in any ear.

~Murasaki Shikibu

One ought not to be unkind to a woman merely on account of her plainness, any more than one had a right to take liberties with her merely because she was handsome

~Murasaki Shikibu

People who do not get into scrapes are a great deal less interesting than those who do.

~Murasaki Shikibu

How much the more in judging of the human heart should we distrust all fashionable airs and graces, all tricks and smartness, learnt only to please the outward gaze

~Murasaki Shikibu

There are as many sorts of women as there are women.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Ceaseless as the interminable voices of the bell-cricket, all night till dawn my tears flow.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Though the body moves, the soul may stay behind.

~Murasaki Shikibu

A night of endless dreams, inconsequent and wild, is this my life; none more worth telling than the rest.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Autumn is no time to lie alone

~Murasaki Shikibu

No penance can your hard heart find save such as you long since have taught me to endure

~Murasaki Shikibu

Stepmothers in books usually behave very spitefully towards the children entrusted to them. But he was now learning by his own experience that in real life this does not always happen.

~Murasaki Shikibu

The memories of long love gather like drifting snow, poignant as the mandarin ducks who float side by side in sleep.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Old age is a disease from which there is no recovery but the old nun's recent attack had certainly been brought on chiefly by the fatigue of so much travelling.

~Murasaki Shikibu

How strange a thing is the heart of man!

~Murasaki Shikibu

In few people is discretion stronger than the desire to tell a good story.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Who has told you that the fruit belies the flower? For the fruit you have not tasted, and the flower you know but by report.

~Murasaki Shikibu

Foolish indeed are those who trust to fortune.

~Murasaki Shikibu

It is indeed in many ways more comfortable to belong to that section of society whose action are not publicly canvassed and discussed

~Murasaki Shikibu

You that in far-off countries of the sky can dwell secure, look back upon me here; for I am weary of this frail world's decay.

~Murasaki Shikibu

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