

Osbert Sitwell

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In reality, killing time is only the name for another of the multifarious ways by which Time kills us.

~Osbert Sitwell

Blood is that fragile scarlet tree we carry within us.

~Osbert Sitwell

The only difference between an artist and a lunatic is, perhaps, that the artist has the restraint or courtesy to conceal the intensity of his obsession from all except those similarly afflicted.

~Osbert Sitwell

The artist, like the idiot or clown, sits on the edge of the world, and a push may send him over it.

~Osbert Sitwell

A golf course outside a big town serves an excellent purpose in that it segregates, as though a concentration camp, all the idle and idiot well-to-do.

~Osbert Sitwell

Poetry is like fish: if it's fresh, it's good; if it's stale, it's bad; and if you're not certain, try it on the cat.

~Osbert Sitwell

For Poetry is the wisdom of the blood,
That scarlet tree within, which
has the power
To make dull words bud forth and burst in flower.

~Osbert Sitwell

I have always said that if I were a rich man, I would employ a professional praiser.

~Osbert Sitwell

Everywhere men have unlocked the prisoners within, and from under

the disguising skins the apes have leapt joyfully out.

~Osbert Sitwell

We attended stables, as we attended church, in our best clothes, thereby no doubt showing the degree of respect due to horses.

~Osbert Sitwell

Hell has a climate, but no situation. It lies in the spirit, and not in space.

~Osbert Sitwell

The Rich Man's Banquet, which was to last for a decade, had now begun: the feast, it was recognised, went to the greediest.

~Osbert Sitwell

For forty days he went out into the desert - and never shot anything [on Jesus]

~Osbert Sitwell

It is fatal to be appreciated in one's own time.

~Osbert Sitwell

My education [takes place] during the holidays from Eton.

~Osbert Sitwell

The terrible newly imported American doctrine that everyone ought to do something.

~Osbert Sitwell

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