

# Peter Porter Quotes

*World, Form, Language, Sex, Mean, Men, Realms, Brain, Accomplished, Gold,  
Breathing, Innocence, Satisfaction, Notes, Rumours, Writing, Heart, Art, Pure,  
Regret*

Poetry is either language lit up by life or life lit up by language

~Peter Porter

I have no fondness for pure form at all.

~Peter Porter

In the New World, happiness is enforced.

~Peter Porter

In other words the pictures are in a kind of relationship with each other which is touching only at points rather than pictures being illustrations of poems or poems extrapolations of the pictures.

~Peter Porter

A professional is one who believes he has invented breathing.

~Peter Porter

A poem is a form of refrigeration that stops language going bad.

~Peter Porter

Somewhere at the heart of the universe sounds the true mystic note:  
Me.

~Peter Porter

I am moving deeper into my own brain.

~Peter Porter

Love without sex is still the most efficient form of hell known to man.

~Peter Porter

Redeemers always reach the world too late. God dies, we live; God lives, we die. Our fate.

~Peter Porter

Writing poetry is the only form of literary labour which gives me entire satisfaction.

~Peter Porter

Much have I travelled in the realms of gold for which I thank the Paddington and Westminster Public Libraries.

~Peter Porter

An old art spreading rumours about / Paradise, it begs outside the gates / Of the gods: the active gods come out.

~Peter Porter

It is Australian innocence to love The naturally excessive and be proud Of a thoroughbred gelding who ran fast.

~Peter Porter

Auden is an accomplished rhymer and Shakespeare is not.

~Peter Porter

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