

Peter S. Beagle

Quotes

*Hero, Unicorn, Dream, Men, Eye, Cat, Real, Forever, People, Kings, Beautiful,
Thinking, Writing, Heart, Lasts, Rain, World, Uncles, Voice, Mean*

We are not always what we seem, and hardly ever what we dream.

~Peter S. Beagle

The last unicorn lived in a lilac wood, and she lived all alone.

~Peter S. Beagle

The horns came riding in like the rainbow masts of silver ships.

~Peter S. Beagle

...no place is more enchanted than where a unicorn has been born.

~Peter S. Beagle

Great heroes need great sorrows and burdens, or half their greatness goes unnoticed. It is all part of the fairy tale.

~Peter S. Beagle

Take me with you. For laughs, for luck, for the unknown. Take me with you.

~Peter S. Beagle

Unicorn. Old French, unicorne. Latin, unicornis. Literally, one-horned: unus, one and cornu, a horn. A fabulous animal resembling a horse with one horn.

~Peter S. Beagle

You ever want to see real witchcraft, you watch people protecting their comfort, their beliefs.

~Peter S. Beagle

Real magic can never be made by offering someone else's liver. You must tear out your own, and not expect to get it back.

~Peter S. Beagle

What use is wizardry if it cannot save a Unicorn?

~Peter S. Beagle

The true secret in being a hero lies in knowing the order of things... Things must happen when it is time for them to happen.

~Peter S. Beagle

Your name is a golden bell hung in my heart. I would break my body to pieces to call you once by your name.

~Peter S. Beagle

Farewell,' she said. 'I hope you hear many more songs' - which was the best way she could think of to say good-bye to a butterfly.

~Peter S. Beagle

And what good is it to me that you're here now? Where where you twenty years ago, ten years ago? How dare you, how dare you come to me now, when I am this?

~Peter S. Beagle

A rhinoceros is as ugly as a human being, and it too is going to die, but at least it never thinks that it is beautiful.

~Peter S. Beagle

There are no happy endings, because nothing ends.

~Peter S. Beagle

Ravens bring things to people. We're like that. It's our nature. We don't like it.

~Peter S. Beagle

The tune was wailing and mournful, almost flagrantly so, and the total effect was of a heartbroken piccolo being parted forever from its bagpipe lover.

~Peter S. Beagle

It's a rare man who is taken for what he truly is.

~Peter S. Beagle

I am what I am. I would tell you what you want to know if I could, for you have been kind to me. But I am a cat, and no cat anywhere ever gave anyone a straight answer.

~Peter S. Beagle

The moon was gone, but to the magician's eyes the unicorn was the moon, cold and white and very old, lighting his way to safety, or to madness.

~Peter S. Beagle

Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of anything. Whatever you have been, you are mine now. I can hold you.

~Peter S. Beagle

A Clock is not time; it's numbers and springs. Pay it no mind.

~Peter S. Beagle

She said, "I will go no farther." "There is no choice. We can only go on." The magician said again. "We can only go on."

~Peter S. Beagle

What do men know? Because they have seen no unicorns for a while does not mean we have all vanished.

~Peter S. Beagle

The Unicorn Sonata... tells us that our true home is often right around the corner, if we'd only open our eyes - and our ears - to find it.

~Peter S. Beagle

there never is a happy ending because nothing ever ends.

~Peter S. Beagle

What is plucked will grow again, What is slain lives on, What is stolen will remain-- What is gone is gone.

~Peter S. Beagle

There are honest people in the world, but only because the devil considers their asking prices ridiculous.

~Peter S. Beagle

Wisdom is finding joy in bewilderment

~Peter S. Beagle

Haggard, I would not be you for all the world," he declared. "You have let your doom in by the front door, although it will not depart that way. (...) Farewell, poor Haggard, farewell!

~Peter S. Beagle

The magician stood erect, menacing the attackers with demons, metamorphoses, paralyzing ailments, and secret judo holds. Molly picked up a rock.

~Peter S. Beagle

No," he repeated, and this time the word tolled in another voice, a king's voice... whose grief was not for what he did not have, but for what he could not give.

~Peter S. Beagle

But I still feel I waste a lot of time leaning on my elbow and thinking to myself, 'alright sucker, now what?'

~Peter S. Beagle

Avicenna California...Museum of my twisted youth, vault of my dearest and most disgusting memories.

~Peter S. Beagle

What use is magic if it can't save a unicorn?

~Peter S. Beagle

I always say perseverance is nine-tenths of any art â€” not that it's much help to be nine-tenths an artist, of course.

~Peter S. Beagle

Beyond the town, darker than dark, King Haggard's castle teetered like a lunatic on stilts.

~Peter S. Beagle

Who has choices need not choose. We must, who have none. We can love but what we lose-- What is gone is gone.

~Peter S. Beagle

Love was generous precisely because it could never be immortal.

~Peter S. Beagle

But I'm always dreaming, even when I'm awake; it is never finished."

-the Lady Amalthea, from *The Last Unicorn*

~Peter S. Beagle

I fear it, for her sake. It would mean that she too is a wanderer now, and that is a fate for human beings, not for unicorns. But I hope, of course I hope.

~Peter S. Beagle

He thought, or said, or sang, I did not know that I was so empty, to be so full.

~Peter S. Beagle

Walking by yourself in the rain is for college kids who think loneliness makes poets.

~Peter S. Beagle

The woman I loved died because I did not love her enough - what greater sin is there than that?" (Uncle Chaim and Aunt Fifke and the Angel)

~Peter S. Beagle

Lir said, "It is my right. A hero is entitled to his happy ending, when it comes at last." But Schmendrick answered, "This is not the end, either for you or for her.

~Peter S. Beagle

Ah. My story. Are you certain you wish to hear it? It is long, unlikely, and remarkably unedifying -- shameful, even, to come from a minister's lips. Blasphemous, too, properly regarded.

~Peter S. Beagle

Envy nobody. It is the true secret of happiness, or at least the only one I know. (By Moonlight)

~Peter S. Beagle

I know how to live here, I know how everything smells, and tastes, and is. What could I ever search for in the world, except this again?

~Peter S. Beagle

Whatever can die is beautiful â€” more beautiful than a unicorn, who lives forever, and who is the most beautiful creature in the world. Do you understand me?

~Peter S. Beagle

The most professional curse ever snarled or croaked or thundered can have no effect on a pure heart.

~Peter S. Beagle

- and you are truly human now. You can love, and fear, and forbid things to be what they are, and overact.

~Peter S. Beagle

We are raised to honor all the wrong explorers and discoverers thieves planting flags, murderers carrying crosses. Let us at last praise the colonizers of dreams.

~Peter S. Beagle

My son, your ineptitude is so vast, your incompetence so profound, that I am certain you are inhabited by greater power than I have ever known.

~Peter S. Beagle

Men have to have heroes, but no man can ever be as big as the need, and so a legend grows around a grain of truth, like a pearl.

~Peter S. Beagle

Never run from anything immortal. It attracts their attention.

~Peter S. Beagle

Ah, love may be strong, but a habit is stronger, And I knew when I loved by the way I behaved.

~Peter S. Beagle

I am infected with life and will die of it in time.

~Peter S. Beagle

...no cat out of its first fur can ever be deceived by appearances. Unlike human beings, who enjoy them.

~Peter S. Beagle

...but the enchantment of error that you put on me I must wear forever in your eyes.

~Peter S. Beagle

I love whom I love," Prince Lir repeated firmly. "You have no power over anything that matters.

~Peter S. Beagle

Sparrows and cats will live in my shoe, Sooner than I will live with you. Fish will come walking out of the sea, Sooner than you will come back to me.

~Peter S. Beagle

If a man loved me, I would have talked myself into loving him, and I would have loved him very deeply after a while.

~Peter S. Beagle

As for you and your heart and the things you said and didn't say, she will remember them all when men are fairy tales in books written by rabbits.

~Peter S. Beagle

..no meal is good enough to justify all the money and effort wasted in preparing it. It is an illusion and an expense. Live as I do, undeceived.

~Peter S. Beagle

They know these mornings well and love them desperately because they cannot last - these people who know that nothing lasts.

~Peter S. Beagle

How's the Angel of Death supposed to do his job with clipped wings?

~Peter S. Beagle

Her voice left a flavor of honey and gunpowder on the air.

~Peter S. Beagle

When I was very young every grownup was a hero. It's been all downhill since then, and I have only two left.

~Peter S. Beagle

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