

Petrarch Quotes

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Love is the crowning grace of humanity.

~Petrarch

Five enemies of peace inhabit with us - avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride; if these were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace.

~Petrarch

Death is a sleep that ends our dreaming. Oh, that we may be allowed to wake before death wakes us.

~Petrarch

Perhaps out there, somewhere, someone is sighing for your absence; and with this thought, my soul begins to breathe.

~Petrarch

Man has not a greater enemy than himself.

~Petrarch

It is better to will the good than to know the truth.

~Petrarch

Rarely do great beauty and great virtue dwell together.

~Petrarch

All pleasure in the world is a passing dream.

~Petrarch

Virtue is health, vice is sickness.

~Petrarch

For though I am a body of this earth, my firm desire is born from the stars.

~Petrarch

Books can warm the heart with friendly words and counsel, entering into a close relationship with us which is articulate and alive

~Petrarch

Suspicion is the cancer of friendship.

~Petrarch

I would have preferred to have been born in any other time than our own.

~Petrarch

Books have led some to learning and others to madness.

~Petrarch

To be able to say how much love, is love but little.

~Petrarch

Man has no greater enemy than himself. I have acted contrary to my sentiments and inclination; throughout our whole lives we do what we never intended, and what we proposed to do, we leave undone.

~Petrarch

Great errors seldom originate but with men of great minds.

~Petrarch

Ruthless striving, overcomes everything.

~Petrarch

Continued work and application form my soul's nourishment. So soon as I commenced to rest and relax I should cease to live.

~Petrarch

Where you are is of no moment, but only what you are doing there. It is not the place that ennobles you, but you the place, and this only by

doing that which is great and noble.

~Petrarch

How difficult it is to save the bark of reputation from the rocks of ignorance.

~Petrarch

A short cut to riches is to subtract from our desires.

~Petrarch

I saw the tracks of angels in the earth: the beauty of heaven walking by itself on the world.

~Petrarch

It is more honorable to be raised to a throne than to be born to one. Fortune bestows the one, merit obtains the other.

~Petrarch

The aged love what is practical while impetuous youth longs only for what is dazzling.

~Petrarch

Nothing mortal is enduring, and there is nothing sweet which does not presently end in bitterness.

~Petrarch

Sameness is the mother of disgust, variety the cure.

~Petrarch

Often have I wondered with much curiosity as to our coming into this world and what will follow our departure.

~Petrarch

An equal doom clipp'd Time's blest wings of peace.

~Petrarch

I looked back at the summit of the mountain, which seemed but a cubit high in comparison with the height of human contemplation, were in not too often merged in the corruptions of the earth.

~Petrarch

Who naught suspects is easily deceived.

~Petrarch

There is no lighter burden, nor more agreeable, than a pen.

~Petrarch

What name to call thee by, O virgin fair, I know not, for thy looks are not of earth And more than mortal seems thy countenances

~Petrarch

Often on earth the gentlest heart is fain To feed and banquet on another's woe.

~Petrarch

Who over-refines his argument brings himself to grief

~Petrarch

From thought to thought, from mountain peak to mountain. Love leads me on; for I can never still My trouble on the world's well beaten ways.

~Petrarch

And tears are heard within the harp I touch.

~Petrarch

For death betimes is comfort, not dismay, and who can rightly die needs no delay.

~Petrarch

Death had his grudge against me, and he got up in the way, like an armed robber, with a pike in his hand.

~Petrarch

How fortune brings to earth the over-sure!

~Petrarch

For style beyond the genius never dares.

~Petrarch

Do you suppose there is any living man so unreasonable that if he found himself stricken with a dangerous ailment he would not anxiously desire to regain the blessing of health?

~Petrarch

I freeze and burn, love is bitter and sweet, my sighs are tempests and my tears are floods, I am in ecstasy and agony, I am possessed by memories of her and I am in exile from myself.

~Petrarch

For virtue only finds eternal Fame.

~Petrarch

I desire that death find me ready and writing, or if it please Christ, praying and intears.

~Petrarch

A good death does honour to a whole life.

~Petrarch

You keep to your own ways and leave mine to me.

~Petrarch

The greater I am, the greater shall be my efforts.

~Petrarch

And I live on, but in grief and self-contempt, Left here without the light I loved so much, In a great tempest and with shrouds unkempt.

~Petrarch

I rejoiced in my progress, mourned my weaknesses, and commiserated the universal instability of human conduct.

~Petrarch

The end of doubt is the beginning of repose.

~Petrarch

Life in itself is short enough, but the physicians with their art, know to their amusement, how to make it still shorter.

~Petrarch

I have taken pride in others, never in myself.

~Petrarch

I know and love the good, yet, ah! the worst pursue.

~Petrarch

Reality is always the foe of famous names.

~Petrarch

How quick the old woe follows a little bliss!

~Petrarch

Events appear sad, pleasant, or painful, not because they are so in reality, but because we believe them to be so and the light in which we look at them depends upon our own judgment.

~Petrarch

Hope is incredible to the slave of grief.

~Petrarch

While life is in your body, you have the rein of all thoughts in your hands.

~Petrarch

My flowery and green age was passing away, and I feeling a chill in the fires had been wasting my heart, for I was drawing near the hillside above the grave.

~Petrarch

When the poet died his cat was put to death and mummified.

~Petrarch

I have friends whose society is delightful to me; they are persons of all countries and of all ages; distinguished in war, in council, and in letters; easy to live with, always at my command.

~Petrarch

Go, grieving rimes of mine, to that hard stone Whereunder lies my darling, lies my dear, And cry to her to speak from heaven's sphere.

~Petrarch

Mere elegance of language can produce at best but an empty renown.

~Petrarch

He loves but lightly who his love can tell.

~Petrarch

Wanting is not enough, long and you attain it.

~Petrarch

Alack our life, so beautiful to see, With how much ease life lovest, in a

day, What many years with pain and toil amassed!

~Petrarch

Where are the numerous constructions erected by Agrippa, of which only the Pantheon remains? Where are the splendid palaces of the emperors?

~Petrarch

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