

Pietro Aretino

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I love you, and because I love you, I would sooner have you hate me for telling you the truth than adore me for telling you lies.

~Pietro Aretino

I am, indeed, a king, because I know how to rule myself.

~Pietro Aretino

Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius.

~Pietro Aretino

Telling you the truth than adore me for telling you lies.

~Pietro Aretino

Perfumed and gallant words make our ears belch.

~Pietro Aretino

Perugia is my true fatherland because there I grew to manhood.

~Pietro Aretino

A high heart ought to bear calamities and not flee them, since in bearing them appears the grandeur of the mind and in fleeing them the cowardice of the heart.

~Pietro Aretino

Why should I be ashamed to describe what nature was not ashamed to create?

~Pietro Aretino

Angry men are blind and foolish, for reason at such time takes flight and, in her absence; wrath plunders all the riches of the intellect, while the judgment remains the prisoner of its own pride.

~Pietro Aretino

If you want to annoy your neighbors, tell the truth about them.

~Pietro Aretino

Flee laziness which while it produces an immediate delight, ends in the sorrow of repentance. And know that nature without exercise is a seed shut up in the pod, and art without practice is nothing.

~Pietro Aretino

Life is a toy made of glass; it appears to be of inestimable price, but in reality it is very cheap.

~Pietro Aretino

I keep my friends as misers do their treasure, because, of all the things granted us by wisdom, none is greater or better than friendship.

~Pietro Aretino

Poetry is a whim of Nature in her lighter moods; it requires nothing but its own madness and, lacking that, it becomes a soundless cymbal, a belfry without a bell.

~Pietro Aretino

They merit more praise who know how to suffer misery than those who temper themselves in contentment.

~Pietro Aretino

Desire is poison at lunch and wormwood at dinner; your bed is a stone, friendship is hateful and your fancy is always fixed on one thing.

~Pietro Aretino

There is no food more satiating than milk and honey; and just as such foods produce disgust for the palate, so perfumed and gallant words make our ears belch.

~Pietro Aretino

The art of war is like the art of the courtesan; indeed they might be

called sisters, since both are slaves of desperation.

~Pietro Aretino

The best thing for a man to do is to be born and, being born, to die at once.

~Pietro Aretino

Even when I'm railed at, I get my quota of renown.

~Pietro Aretino

We are the buffoons of our children.

~Pietro Aretino

Love doesn't hide. It stays and fights. It goes the distance, that's why love is so strong. So it can carry you all the way home.

~Pietro Aretino

A man who permits his honor to be taken, permits his life to be taken.

~Pietro Aretino

Age has a good mind and sorry shanks.

~Pietro Aretino

What evil is there in seeing a man possess a woman? Why, the beasts would be more free than we!

~Pietro Aretino

Why should the eyes be denied what delights them most?

~Pietro Aretino

Learning is the property of those who fear to do disagreeable things.

~Pietro Aretino

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Anger represents a certain power, when a great mind, prevented from executing its own generous desires, is moved by it.

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