

# Pietro Metastasio

## Quotes

*Wind, Grief, Men, Heart, Flower, Envy, Ocean, Would Be, Warrior, Fear, Roots,  
Death, Ancestry, Errors, Mean, Virtue, Wonder, Sacrifice, Excess, Heaven*

It is the just decree of Heaven that a traitor never sees his danger till his ruin is at hand.

~Pietro Metastasio

Prepare thy soul calmly to obey; such offering will be more acceptable to God than every other sacrifice.

~Pietro Metastasio

Love is a feeling that comes into our hearts of our own choice for neither force nor harshness can limit the heart's freedom.

~Pietro Metastasio

The eye that gazes upon the sun sees not the orb it looks upon, confounded by the excess of its brightness.

~Pietro Metastasio

Every noble acquisition is attended with its risks; he who fears to encounter the one must not expect to obtain the other.

~Pietro Metastasio

The pilot who is always dreading a rock or a tempest must not complain if he remain a poor fisherman. We must at times trust, something to fortune, for fortune has often some share in what happens.

~Pietro Metastasio

The canker which the trunk conceals is revealed by the leaves, the fruit, or the flower.

~Pietro Metastasio

Sharp and fell remorse, the offspring of my sin! Why do you, O God, lacerate my heart so late? Why, O boding cries, that scream so close to me,--why do I listen to you now, and never heard you before?

~Pietro Metastasio

Cowards' weapons neither cut nor pierce.

~Pietro Metastasio

Fortune is the best school of courage when she is fraught with anger, in the same way as winds and tempests are the school of the sailorboy.

~Pietro Metastasio

If the internal griefs of every man could be read, written on his forehead, how many who now excite envy would appear to be the objects of pity?

~Pietro Metastasio

High birth is an accident, not a virtue.

~Pietro Metastasio

How full of error is the judgment of mankind! They wonder at results when they are ignorant of the reasons

~Pietro Metastasio

The bee and the serpent often sip from the selfsame flower.

~Pietro Metastasio

An old warrior is never in haste to strike the blow.

~Pietro Metastasio

It is by no means a fact that death is the worst of all evils; when it comes it is an alleviation to mortals who are worn out with sufferings.

~Pietro Metastasio

If every man's internal care Were written on his brow, How many would our pity share Who raise our envy now?

~Pietro Metastasio

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