

Queen Elizabeth II

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When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Good memories are our second chance at happiness.

~Queen Elizabeth II

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Family does not necessarily mean blood relatives but often a description of a community, organisation or nation.

~Queen Elizabeth II

It has been women who have breathed gentleness and care into the hard progress of humankind.

~Queen Elizabeth II

I have to be seen to be believed.

~Queen Elizabeth II

We all need to get the balance right between action and reflection. With so many distractions, it is easy to forget to pause and take stock.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Grief is the price we pay for love.

~Queen Elizabeth II

It's all to do with the training: you can do a lot if you're properly trained.

~Queen Elizabeth II

They are not royal. They just happen to have me as their aunt.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Work is the rent you pay for the room you occupy on earth.

~Queen Elizabeth II

It has turned out to be an annus horribilis.

~Queen Elizabeth II

To what greater inspiration and counsel can we turn than to the imperishable truth to be found in this treasure house, the Bible?

~Queen Elizabeth II

Cowards falter, but danger is often overcome by those who nobly dare.

~Queen Elizabeth II

In remembering the appalling suffering of war on both sides, we recognise how precious is the peace we have built in Europe since 1945.

~Queen Elizabeth II

True patriotism doesn't exclude an understanding of the patriotism of others.

~Queen Elizabeth II

The lessons from the peace process are clear; whatever life throws at us, our individual responses will be all the stronger for working together and sharing the load.

~Queen Elizabeth II

[To a woman whose cellphone rang during a formal meeting:] You'd

better answer that. It could be someone important.

~Queen Elizabeth II

I believe that there is a great fear in our generation of being labeled as priggish.

~Queen Elizabeth II

I should like to be a horse.

~Queen Elizabeth II

We lost the American colonies because we lacked the statesmanship to know the right time and the manner of yielding what is impossible to keep.

~Queen Elizabeth II

For me, heaven is likely to be a bit of a come-down.

~Queen Elizabeth II

I hope people will think very carefully about the future.

~Queen Elizabeth II

My husband has quite simply been my strength and stay all these years, and I owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim.

~Queen Elizabeth II

What were once only hopes for the future have now come to pass.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Madam President, speaking here in Dublin Castle it is impossible to ignore the weight of history, as it was yesterday when you and I laid

wreaths at the Garden of Remembrance.

~Queen Elizabeth II

It has perhaps always been the case that the waging of peace is the hardest form of leadership of all.

~Queen Elizabeth II

The upward course of a nation's history is due in the long run to the soundness of heart of its average men and women

~Queen Elizabeth II

[Before each of numerous portrait sittings:] Now then, with teeth or without?

~Queen Elizabeth II

Football's a difficult business and aren't they prima donnas. But it's a wonderful game.

~Queen Elizabeth II

[On the 1982 intruder into her bedroom:] I realized immediately that it wasn't a servant because they don't slam doors.

~Queen Elizabeth II

1992 is not a year I shall look back on with undiluted pleasure. In the words of one of my more sympathetic correspondents, it has turned out to be an Annus Horribilis.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Families, friends and communities often find a source of courage rising up from within. Indeed, sadly, it seems that it is tragedy that often draws out the most and the best from the human spirit.

~Queen Elizabeth II

Think what we would have missed if we had never ... used a mobile

phone or surfed the Net -- or, to be honest, listened to other people talking about surfing the Net.

~Queen Elizabeth II

I myself prefer my New Zealand eggs for breakfast.

~Queen Elizabeth II

This new power, which has proved itself to be such a terrifying weapon of destruction, is harnessed for the first time for the common good of our community.

~Queen Elizabeth II

It is easy enough to define what the Commonwealth is not. Indeed this is quite a popular pastime.

~Queen Elizabeth II

The British Constitution has always been puzzling and always will be.

~Queen Elizabeth II

These wretched babies don't come until they are ready.

~Queen Elizabeth II

[To the suggestion that Great Britain might someday want a Republic:]
We'll go quietly.

~Queen Elizabeth II

For many, Christmas is also a time for coming together. But for others, service will come first.

~Queen Elizabeth II

We have all felt those emotions in these last few days. So what I say to you now, as your queen and as a grandmother, I say from my heart.

~Queen Elizabeth II

It is as queen of Canada that I am here. Queen of Canada and all Canadians, not just one or two ancestral strains.

~Queen Elizabeth II

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