

# Richard Le Gallienne

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Passion, Love Is, Life Is, Wine, Promise, Cynical, Spiritual, Fancy, Neighbour,  
Journey*

Stay the course, light a star, Change the world where'er you are.

~Richard Le Gallienne

On the contrary, woman is the best equipped fighting machine that ever went to battle.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Organized Christianity has probably done more to retard the ideals that were its founder's than any other agency in the world.

~Richard Le Gallienne

All religions have periods in their history which are looked back to with retrospective fear and trembling as eras of persecution, and each religion has its own book of martyrs.

~Richard Le Gallienne

There is something mean in human nature that prefers to think evil, that gives a willing ear and a ready welcome to calumny, a sort of jealousy of goodness and greatness and things of good report.

~Richard Le Gallienne

A woman's beauty is one of her great missions.

~Richard Le Gallienne

I meant to do my work today  
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree  
And a butterfly flitted across the field  
And all the leaves were calling  
me.

~Richard Le Gallienne

In their work, then, as in their play, men and women are more and more coming to share with each other as comrades, and really the fun of life seems in no wise diminished as a consequence.

~Richard Le Gallienne

All roads indeed lead to Rome, but theirs also is a more mystical destination, some bourne of which no traveller knows the name, some city, they all seem to hint, even more eternal.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Wild oats will get sown some time, and one of the arts of life is to sow them at the right time.

~Richard Le Gallienne

We have, of course, long since ceased to think of Nature as the sympathetic mirror of our moods, or to imagine that she has any concern with the temporal affairs of man.

~Richard Le Gallienne

The soul's a sort of sentimental wife, That prays and whimpers of the higher life.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Celestial spirit that doth roll; The heart's sepulchral stone away, Be this our resurrection day, The singing Easter of the soul - O gentle Master of the Wise, Teach us to say: "I will arise."

~Richard Le Gallienne

Be it whim or emergency, the modern laboratory is equally at the service of romance, equally ready to gratify mankind with a torpedo or a toy.

~Richard Le Gallienne

More and more the world is growing to love a lover, and one has only to read the newspapers to see how sympathetic are the times to any generous and adventurous display of the passions.

~Richard Le Gallienne

We also maintain - again with perfect truth - that mystery is more than

half of beauty, the element of strangeness that stirs the senses through the imagination.

~Richard Le Gallienne

A critic is a man created to praise greater men than himself, but he is never able to find them.

~Richard Le Gallienne

It is the fine excesses of life that make it worth living.

~Richard Le Gallienne

The road recedes as the traveler advances, leaving a continuous present.

~Richard Le Gallienne

The spiritual element, the really important part of religion, has no concern with Time and Space, temporary mundane laws, or conduct.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Happy is the man who loves the woods and waters, Brother to the grass and well beloved of Pan; The earth shall be his, and all her laughing daughters. Happy the man.

~Richard Le Gallienne

The beauty we love is very silent. It smiles softly to itself, but never speaks.

~Richard Le Gallienne

There's too much beauty upon this earth For lonely men to bear.

~Richard Le Gallienne

A wholesome oblivion of one's neighbours is the beginning of wisdom.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Time's horses gallop down the lessening hill.

~Richard Le Gallienne

All myths that are something more than fancies gain rather than lose in value with time, by reason of the accretions of human experience.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Races and nations are thus ever ready to believe the worst of one another.

~Richard Le Gallienne

Perhaps we too seldom reflect how much the life of Nature is one with the life of man, how unimportant or indeed merely seeming, the difference between them.

~Richard Le Gallienne

All wines are by their very nature full of reminiscence, the golden tears and red blood of summers that are gone.

~Richard Le Gallienne

You can't fake it. Bad writing is a gift.

~Richard Le Gallienne

How much more interesting life would be if only more people had the courage and skill to act themselves, instead of abjectly understudying some one else!

~Richard Le Gallienne

Youth, however, can afford to enjoy even its melancholy; for the ultimate fact of which that melancholy is a prophecy is a long way off.

~Richard Le Gallienne

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