

Robert Southey

Quotes

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No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth.

~Robert Southey

Mild arch of promise! on the evening sky
Thou shinest fair with many a lovely ray,
Each in the other melting.

~Robert Southey

There is a magic in that little world, home; it is a mystic circle that surrounds comforts and virtues never known beyond its hallowed limits.

~Robert Southey

Cupid "the little greatest god."

~Robert Southey

It is with words as with sunbeams - the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.

~Robert Southey

By writing much, one learns to write well.

~Robert Southey

Live as long as you may, the first twenty years are the longest half of your life.

~Robert Southey

Order is the sanity of the mind, the health of the body, the peace of the city, the security of the state. As the beams to a house, as the bones to the microcosm of man, so is order to all things.

~Robert Southey

All deception in the course of life is indeed nothing else but a lie reduced to practice, and falsehood passing from words into things.

~Robert Southey

Let us depart! the universal sun
Confines not to one land his blessed
beams; Nor is man rooted, like a tree,
whose seed, the winds on some
ungenial soil have cast there,
where it cannot prosper.

~Robert Southey

It has been more wittily than charitably
said that hell is paved with good
intentions; they have their place
in heaven also.

~Robert Southey

How beautiful is night! A dewy
freshness fills the silent air;
No mist obscures, nor cloud,
nor speck, nor stain,
Breaks the serene of heaven.

~Robert Southey

Never let a man imagine that he
can pursue a good end by evil
means, without sinning against
his own soul. The evil effect
on himself is certain.

~Robert Southey

Not where I breathe, but where I
love, I live; Not where I love,
but where I am, I die.

~Robert Southey

Kitten is in the animal world
what the rosebud is in the
garden; the one the most
beautiful of all young creatures,
the other the loveliest of all
opening flowers.

~Robert Southey

What will not woman, gentle
woman dare; when strong
affection stirs her spirit up?

~Robert Southey

The loss of a friend is like that
of a limb; time may heal the
anguish of the wound, but the
loss cannot be repaired.

~Robert Southey

Love is indestructible, Its holy flame forever burneth; From heaven it came, to heaven returneth.

~Robert Southey

Few people give themselves time to be friends.

~Robert Southey

A stubborn mind conduces as little to wisdom or even to knowledge, as a stubborn temper to happiness

~Robert Southey

There are three things in speech that ought to be considered before some things are spoken--the manner, the place and the time.

~Robert Southey

Take away love, and not physical nature only, but the heart of the moral world, would be palsied.

~Robert Southey

Man hath a weary pilgrimage, As through the world he wends; On every stage, from youth to age, Still discontent attends.

~Robert Southey

There is healing in the bitter cup.

~Robert Southey

A house is never perfectly furnished for enjoyment unless there is a child in it rising three years old, and a kitten rising three weeks.

~Robert Southey

Whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that is sin to you, however, innocent it may be in itself.

~Robert Southey

They sin who tell us Love can die: With life all other passions fly, All others are but vanity, In Heaven Ambition cannot dwell, Nor Avarice in the vaults of Hell.

~Robert Southey

Happy it were for us all if we bore prosperity as well and as wisely as we endure adverse fortune.

~Robert Southey

A fastidious taste is like a squeamish appetite; the one has its origin in some disease of the mind, as the other has in some ailment of the stomach.

~Robert Southey

Without religion the highest endowments of intellect can only render the possessor more dangerous if he be ill disposed; if well disposed, only more unhappy.

~Robert Southey

That charity is bad which takes from independence its proper pride, from mendicity its salutary shame.

~Robert Southey

What blockheads are those wise persons, who think it necessary that a child should comprehend everything it reads.

~Robert Southey

From his brimstone bed, at break of day, A-walking the Devil is gone, To look at his little snug farm of the World, And see how his stock went on.

~Robert Southey

As sure as God is good, so surely there is no such thing as necessary evil.

~Robert Southey

"You are old, Father William," the young man cried, "The few locks which are left you are gray; You are hale, Father William, a hearty old man,- Now tell me the reason I pray."

~Robert Southey

Happy those Who in the after-days shall live, when Time Hath spoken, and the multitude of years Taught wisdom to mankind!

~Robert Southey

The grave is but the threshold of eternity. What a world were this, how unendurable its weight, If they whom death hath sundered, did not meet again!

~Robert Southey

And everybody praised the Duke Who this great fight did win. "But what good came of it at last?" Quoth little Peterkin. "Why, that I cannot tell," said he, "But 'twas a famous victory."

~Robert Southey

Cold is thy hopeless heart, even as charity.

~Robert Southey

And when my own Mark Antony Against young Caesar strove, And Rome's whole world was set in arms, The cause was,--all for love.

~Robert Southey

Ay! idleness! the rich folks never fail To find some reason why the poor deserve Their miseries.

~Robert Southey

One fault begets another; one crime renders another necessary.

~Robert Southey

Affliction is not sent in vain, young man, from that good God, who chastens whom he loves.

~Robert Southey

Be thankful that your lot has fallen on times when, though there may be many evil tongues and exasperated spirits, there are none who have fire and fagot at command.

~Robert Southey

It is not for man to rest in absolute contentment.

~Robert Southey

Easier were it To hurl the rooted mountain from its base, Than force the yoke of slavery upon men Determin'd to be free.

~Robert Southey

Earth could not hold us both, nor can one heaven Contain my deadliest enemy and me.

~Robert Southey

The solitary Bee Whose buzzing was the only sound of life, Flew there on restless wing, Seeking in vain one blossom where to fix.

~Robert Southey

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~Robert Southey

I do not cast my eyes away from my troubles. I pack them in as little compass as I can for myself, and never let them annoy others.

~Robert Southey

Our knowledge, is our power, and God our strength.

~Robert Southey

Some people seem born with a head in which the thin partition that divides great wit from folly is wanting.

~Robert Southey

O Reader! hast thou eer stood to see The Holly-tree? The eye that contemplates it well perceives Its glossy leaes Ordered by an Intelligence so wise As might confound the Atheist's sophistries.

~Robert Southey

Where Washington hath left His awful memory A light for after times!

~Robert Southey

In fall-orbed glory, yonder moon divine, Rolls through the dark blue depths.

~Robert Southey

The true one of youth's love, proving a faithful helpmate in those years when the dream of life is over, and we live in its realities.

~Robert Southey

Oh, when a mother meets on high The babe she lost in infancy, Hath she not then for pains and fears, The day of woe, the watchful night, For all her sorrow, all her tears, An over-payment of delight?

~Robert Southey

A man may be cheerful and contented in celibacy, but I do not think he can ever be happy; it is an unnatural state, and the best feelings of his nature are never called into action.

~Robert Southey

Ye who dwell at home, Ye do not know the terrors of the main.

~Robert Southey

The pulpit is a clergyman's parade; the parish is his field of active service.

~Robert Southey

A good man and a wise man may at times be angry with the world, at times grieved for it; but be sure no man was ever discontented with the world who did his duty in it.

~Robert Southey

In the days of my youth I remembered my God! And He hath not forgotten my age.

~Robert Southey

My name is Death: the last best friend am I.

~Robert Southey

I cannot believe in an eternity of hell. I hope God will forgive me if I err; but in this matter I cannot say, "Lord help my unbelief."

~Robert Southey

For society, of all places I have ever been, Norwich is the best.

~Robert Southey

Thou hast been called, O sleep, the friend of woe, But 'tis the happy that have called thee so.

~Robert Southey

A wise judge, by the craft of the law, was never seduced from its purpose.

~Robert Southey

The laws are with us, and God on our side.

~Robert Southey

My days among the dead are passed; Around me I behold, Where'er these casual eyes are cast, The mighty minds of old; My never-failing friends are they, With whom I converse day by day.

~Robert Southey

There is another world for all that live and move-a better one!

~Robert Southey

Three things a wise man will not trust, The wind, the sunshine of an April day, And woman's plighted faith.

~Robert Southey

To a resolute mind, wishing to do is the first step toward doing. But if we do not wish to do a thing it becomes impossible.

~Robert Southey

Beware of those who are homeless by choice! You have no hold on human being whose affections are without a top-root!

~Robert Southey

Give me a room whose every nook is dedicated to a book.

~Robert Southey

My notions of life are much the same as they are about traveling; there is a good deal of amusement on the road; but, after all, one wants to be at rest.

~Robert Southey

Curses are like young chickens, they always come home to roost.

~Robert Southey

If you would be pungent, be brief.

~Robert Southey

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