

# Robert W. Service Quotes

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It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out; it's the grain of sand in your shoe.

~Robert W. Service

Be master of your petty annoyances and conserve your energies for the big, worthwhile things. It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out - it's the grain of sand in your shoe.

~Robert W. Service

Our breath is brief, and being so Let's make our heaven here below,  
And lavish kindness as we go.

~Robert W. Service

A promise made is a debt unpaid.

~Robert W. Service

Just draw on your grit; it's so easy to quit - It's the keeping your chin up that's hard.

~Robert W. Service

Be sure your wisest words are those you do not say.

~Robert W. Service

No man can be a failure if he thinks he's a success; If he thinks he is a winner, then he is.

~Robert W. Service

The Wanderlust has got me... by the belly-aching fire

~Robert W. Service

It's the steady, quiet, plodding ones who win in the lifelong race.

~Robert W. Service

This is the law of the Yukon, that only the strong shall thrive; that surely

the weak shall perish, and only the fit survive.

~Robert W. Service

Now a promise made is a debt unpaid, and the trail has its own stern code.

~Robert W. Service

The lonely sunsets flare forlorn  
Down valleys dreadly desolate;  
The lonely mountains soar in scorn  
As still as death, as stern as fate.

~Robert W. Service

Avoid extremes: be moderate  
In saving and in spending;  
An equable and easy gait  
Will win an easy ending.

~Robert W. Service

The only society I like is rough and tough, and the tougher the better.  
There's where you get down to bedrock and meet human people.

~Robert W. Service

The happy man is he who knows his limitations, yet bows to no false gods.

~Robert W. Service

Even goats may have starlight in their eyes.

~Robert W. Service

Carry on! Carry on! Fight the good fight and true;  
Believe in you mission, greet life with a cheer.

~Robert W. Service

Some praise the Lord for Light, The living spark;  
I thank God for the Night The healing dark.

~Robert W. Service

His life, though none too long, Was never dull: Of woman, wine and song Bill had his full.

~Robert W. Service

I have no doubts that the Devil grins, As seas of ink I spatter. Ye gods, forgive my "œliterary" sins - The other kind don't matter.

~Robert W. Service

I have an intense dislike for artificial society. In France, one could lead a free life - to do what one wanted to do without interference or criticism from one's neighbors.

~Robert W. Service

I remember little of the Yukon or what I wrote there.

~Robert W. Service

Ah! the clock is always slow; it is later than you think.

~Robert W. Service

Write verse, not poetry. The public wants verse. If you have a talent for poetry, then don't by any means mother it, but try your hand at verse.

~Robert W. Service

Then you've a hunch what the music meant . . . hunger and night and the stars.

~Robert W. Service

I like to think that when I fall, A rain-drop in Death's shoreless sea, This shelf of books along the wall, Beside my bed, will mourn for me.

~Robert W. Service

Old Year! upon the Stage of Time You stand to bow your last adieu; A moment, and the prompter's chime Will ring the curtain down on you.

~Robert W. Service

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