

Robinson Jeffers

Quotes

*Beautiful, Stars, Men, Hate, Wings, Swans, Running, Lying, Truth, Ocean,
Passion, Long, Way, Beauty, Divine Beauty, Strong, Bird, Reality, Imagination,
Pain*

Seagulls . . . slim yachts of the element.

~Robinson Jeffers

Meteors are not needed less than mountains: shine, perishing republic.

~Robinson Jeffers

Imagination, the traitor of the mind, has taken my solitude and slain it.

~Robinson Jeffers

You making haste on decay: not blameworthy; life is good, be it stubbornly long or suddenly
A mortal splendor: meteors are not needed less than mountains: shine, perishing republic.

~Robinson Jeffers

Cruelty is a part of nature, at least of human nature, but it is the one thing that seems unnatural to us.

~Robinson Jeffers

It is only a little planet, but how beautiful it is.

~Robinson Jeffers

Long live freedom and damn the ideologies.

~Robinson Jeffers

A little too abstract, a little too wise, It is time for us to kiss the earth again,
It is time to let the leaves rain from the skies, Let the rich life run to the roots again.

~Robinson Jeffers

Still the mind smiles at its own rebellions.

~Robinson Jeffers

Poetry is not a civilizer, rather the reverse, for great poetry appeals to

the most primitive instincts.

~Robinson Jeffers

Happy people die whole, they are all dissolved in a moment, they have had what they wanted.

~Robinson Jeffers

The world's in a bad way, my man, And bound to be worse before it mends; Better lie up in the mountain here Four or five centuries, While the stars go over the lonely ocean.

~Robinson Jeffers

The tides are in our veins.

~Robinson Jeffers

Pleasure is the carrot dangled to lead the ass to market; or the precipice.

~Robinson Jeffers

I've changed my ways a little, I cannot now Run with you in the evenings along the shore, Except in a kind of dream, and you, if you dream a moment, You see me there.

~Robinson Jeffers

The tides are in our veins, we still mirror the stars, life is your child, but there is in me Older and harder than life and more impartial, the eye that watched before there was an ocean.

~Robinson Jeffers

The greatest beauty is organic wholeness, the wholeness of life and things, the divine beauty of the universe.

~Robinson Jeffers

Hear the music, the thunder of the wings. Love the wild swan.

~Robinson Jeffers

This wild swan of a world is no hunter's game.

~Robinson Jeffers

He is strong and pain is worse to the strong, incapacity is worse.

~Robinson Jeffers

civilization is a transient sickness.

~Robinson Jeffers

The heads of strong old age are beautiful beyond all grace of youth.

~Robinson Jeffers

The cold passion for truth hunts in no pack.

~Robinson Jeffers

Justice and mercy/ Are human dreams, they do not concern the birds
nor the fish nor eternal God.

~Robinson Jeffers

Humanity is the start of the race; I say Humanity is the mould to break
away from, the crust to break through, the coal to break into fire, The
atom to be split.

~Robinson Jeffers

Corruption never has been compulsory; when the cities lie at the
monster's feet there are left the mountains.

~Robinson Jeffers

I have seen these ways of God: I know of no reason For fire and
change and torture and the old returnings.

~Robinson Jeffers

Know that however ugly the parts appear the whole remains beautiful.

~Robinson Jeffers

There is no reason for amazement: surely one always knew that cultures decay, and life's end is death.

~Robinson Jeffers

Well: the day is a poem but too much Like one of Jeffers's, crusted with blood and barbaric omens Painful to excess, inhuman as a hawk's cry.

~Robinson Jeffers

Death's a fierce meadowlark: but to die having made / Something more equal to the centuries / Than muscle and bone, is mostly to shed weakness.

~Robinson Jeffers

They import and they consume reality.

~Robinson Jeffers

The love of freedom has been the quality of Western man.

~Robinson Jeffers

Only the drum is confident, it thinks the world has not changed

~Robinson Jeffers

If millions are born millions must die.

~Robinson Jeffers

We have to live like people in a web of knives, we mustn't reach out our hands or we get them gashed.

~Robinson Jeffers

Truly men hate the truth; they'd liefer meet a tiger on the road.

~Robinson Jeffers

We might remember ... not to fear death; it is the only way to be cleansed.

~Robinson Jeffers

Oh heavy change. The world deteriorates like a rotting apple, worms and a skin.

~Robinson Jeffers

Does it matter whether you hate yourself? At least love your eyes that can see, your mind that can hear the music, the thunder of the wings.

~Robinson Jeffers

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