

Rod McKuen

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Strangers are just friends waiting to happen

~Rod McKuen

Cats have it all - admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it.

~Rod McKuen

We come into the world alone. We go away the same. We're meant to spend the interlude between in closeness or so we tell ourselves. But it's a long way from the morning to the evening.

~Rod McKuen

Even when you feel you've reached the end or edge of life, hold on. Life itself will ultimately take care of you.

~Rod McKuen

Extending your hand is extending yourself.

~Rod McKuen

It's nice sometimes to open up the heart a little and let some hurt come in. It proves you're still alive.

~Rod McKuen

The gifts that one receives for giving are so immeasurable that it is almost an injustice to accept them.

~Rod McKuen

I cannot speculate on what our cluttered mind will save- sleepy Sundays, or a nosebleed after love. I know only the dying heart needs the nourishment of memory to live beyond too many winters.

~Rod McKuen

Do not ask the definition of a friend. He/She is that one without whose company death and dying set in earlier and living is made more

pleasurable.

~Rod McKuen

If you love somebody, tell them.

~Rod McKuen

The journey back is always longer than the forward run.

~Rod McKuen

There's no misery in not being loved, only in not loving.

~Rod McKuen

Love is a sweet thing caught a moment and held in a golden eye.

~Rod McKuen

There is no other way to find ourselves but in each others faces.

~Rod McKuen

People are not born bastards. They have to work at it.

~Rod McKuen

It happens just because we need to want and to be wanted too, when love is here or gone to lie down in the darkness and listen to the warm.

~Rod McKuen

Unless you call attention to your presence who will know you're there?
Even a country has to wave and wave a flag as proof of its existence.

~Rod McKuen

I've come to terms with it, it knows I know.

~Rod McKuen

To understand others you should get behind their eyes and walk down their spines.

~Rod McKuen

Poetry is fact given over to imagery.

~Rod McKuen

Everybody has the answers or they'll make them up for you. Just once I'd like to hear a brand-new question.

~Rod McKuen

and if the world breaks down, I'll be around.

~Rod McKuen

A poet can't afford to be aloof. The tools of his trade are the people he bumps up against.

~Rod McKuen

Once I thought ideas were exceptions not the rule. That is not so. Ideas are so plentiful that they ride on air. You have only to reach out and snatch one.

~Rod McKuen

If I could do it over, I'd do better.

~Rod McKuen

I have never known a cat that couldn't quiet me down just by walking slowly past my chair.

~Rod McKuen

Never fear being alone, because you never are.

~Rod McKuen

Watch the indolent butterfly playing on the tall flower in the yard and think about the sun going down. It always does you know.

~Rod McKuen

People often say 'I live for my art.' Bullshit! If you are given a talent it's to be used. It's not in the private domain.

~Rod McKuen

People ask me why I connected. It was presumptuous of me to say, but I'm Everyman. The difference is I put my thoughts into words.

~Rod McKuen

The world needs writers. We will always be necessary. There are few professions that can claim that distinction.

~Rod McKuen

We will all wake up semi-angels, If we wake at all.

~Rod McKuen

Laws and machines are shaped to fit the classes.

~Rod McKuen

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