

Siegfried Sassoon Quotes

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And the wind upon its way whispered the boughs of May, And touched the nodding peony flowers to bid them waken.

~Siegfried Sassoon

The fact is that five years ago I was, as near as possible, a different person to what I am tonight. I, as I am now, didn't exist at all. Will the same thing happen in the next five years? I hope so.

~Siegfried Sassoon

The dead...are more real than the living because they are complete.

~Siegfried Sassoon

I have seen and endured the sufferings of the troops, and I can no longer be a party to prolong these sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust.

~Siegfried Sassoon

You smug-faced crowds with kindling eye
Who cheer when soldier lads
march by, Sneak home and pray you'll never know
The hell where youth and laughter go.

~Siegfried Sassoon

And when the war is done and youth stone dead, I'd toddle safely home and die--in bed.

~Siegfried Sassoon

Soldiers are dreamers; when the guns begin they think of firelit homes, clean beds, and wives.

~Siegfried Sassoon

In me the tiger sniffs the rose.

~Siegfried Sassoon

I am not protesting against the conduct of the war, but against the

political errors and insincerities for which the fighting men are being sacrificed.

~Siegfried Sassoon

Life for the majority of the population. Is an unlovely struggle against unfair odds. Culminating in a cheap funeral.

~Siegfried Sassoon

Soldiers are citizens of death's grey land, drawing no dividend from time's tomorrows.

~Siegfried Sassoon

The song was wordless; The singing will never be done.

~Siegfried Sassoon

I am a soldier, convinced that I am acting on behalf of soldiers.

~Siegfried Sassoon

The visionless officialized fatuity That once kept Europe safe for Perpetuity.

~Siegfried Sassoon

Let my soul, a shining tree, Silver branches lift towards thee, Where on a hallowed winter's night The clear-eyed angels may alight.

~Siegfried Sassoon

Mud and rain and wretchedness and blood. Why should jolly soldier-boys complain? God made these before the roofless Flood - Mud and rain.

~Siegfried Sassoon

If I were fierce, and bald, and short of breath, I'd live with scarlet Majors at the Base, And speed glum heroes up the line of death.

~Siegfried Sassoon

And there'd be no more jokes in Music-halls
To mock the riddled corpses round Bapaume.

~Siegfried Sassoon

And it's been proved that soldiers don't go mad
Unless they lose control of ugly thoughts
That drive them out to jabber among the trees.

~Siegfried Sassoon

O German mother dreaming by the fire,
While you are knitting socks to send your son
His face is trodden deeper in the mud.

~Siegfried Sassoon

In the years 1910 and 1911 I had 51 innings with 10 not outs and an average of 19. This I consider a creditable record for a poet.

~Siegfried Sassoon

I didn't want to die - not before I'd finished reading
The Return of the Native anyhow.

~Siegfried Sassoon

Man, it seemed, had been created to jab the life out of Germans.

~Siegfried Sassoon

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