

# Ted Kooser Quotes

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There are mornings when everything brims with promise, even my empty cup.

~Ted Kooser

Sometimes you sense how faithfully your life is delivered, even though you can't read the address.

~Ted Kooser

The poem is the device through which the ordinary world is seen in a new way - engaging, compelling, even beautiful.

~Ted Kooser

There's nothing wrong with delighting in what you do. In fact, most of the fun you'll have as a poet will come about during the process of writing.

~Ted Kooser

All night, this soft rain from The distant past. No wonder I sometimes Waken as a child.

~Ted Kooser

I like the idea of there being times when even words cost so much you used them sparingly. I have known a lot of old men and women who talked as if they were paying Western Union by the word.

~Ted Kooser

Turtle has just one plan at a time, and every cell buys into it.

~Ted Kooser

This evening, I sat by an open window and read till the light was gone and the book was no more than a part of the darkness.

~Ted Kooser

When she left me I stood out in the thunderstorm, hoping to be

destroyed by lightning. It missed, first left, then right.

~Ted Kooser

I farm a little plot of things to say, with not much frontage on the busy road.

~Ted Kooser

Keeping a journal is like taking good care of one's heart.

~Ted Kooser

A poem is a record of a discovery.

~Ted Kooser

If I don't take the risk, I'll wind up with a bloodless poem. I have to be out there on the edge.

~Ted Kooser

Valentine's Day is the poet's holiday.

~Ted Kooser

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