

Thomas Hardy

Quotes

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Time changes everything except something within us which is always surprised by change.

~Thomas Hardy

To dwellers in a wood, almost every species of tree has its voice as well as its feature.

~Thomas Hardy

That aspects are within us; and who seems Most kingly is the King.

~Thomas Hardy

The resolution to avoid an evil is seldom framed till the evil is so far advanced as to make avoidance impossible.

~Thomas Hardy

A woman would rather visit her own grave than the place where she has been young and beautiful after she is aged and ugly.

~Thomas Hardy

O, you have torn my life all to pieces... made me be what I prayed you in pity not to make me be again!

~Thomas Hardy

You have never loved me as I love you--never--never! Yours is not a passionate heart--your heart does not burn in a flame! You are, upon the whole, a sort of fay, or sprite-- not a woman!

~Thomas Hardy

Do not do an immoral thing for moral reasons.

~Thomas Hardy

The perfect woman, you see [is] a working-woman; not an idler; not a fine lady; but one who [uses] her hands and her head and her heart for the good of others.

~Thomas Hardy

Why is it that a woman can see from a distance what a man cannot see close?

~Thomas Hardy

The sky was clear - remarkably clear - and the twinkling of all the stars seemed to be but throbs of one body, timed by a common pulse.

~Thomas Hardy

Remember that the best and greatest among mankind are those who do themselves no worldly good. Every successful man is more or less a selfish man. The devoted fail.

~Thomas Hardy

The sudden disappointment of a hope leaves a scar which the ultimate fulfillment of that hope never entirely removes.

~Thomas Hardy

I shall do one thing in this life-one thing certain-this is, love you, and long of you, and keep wanting you till I die.

~Thomas Hardy

The main object of religion is not to get a man into heaven, but to get heaven into him.

~Thomas Hardy

And yet to every bad there is a worse.

~Thomas Hardy

And at home by the fire, whenever you look up there I shall beâ€” and whenever I look up, there will be you. -Gabriel Oak

~Thomas Hardy

Happiness is but a mere episode in the general drama of pain.

~Thomas Hardy

A strong woman who recklessly throws away her strength, she is worse than a weak woman who has never had any strength to throw away.

~Thomas Hardy

A lover without indiscretion is no lover at all.

~Thomas Hardy

Love is a possible strength in an actual weakness.

~Thomas Hardy

We colour and mould according to the wants within us whatever our eyes bring in.

~Thomas Hardy

Though a good deal is too strange to be believed, nothing is too strange to have happened.

~Thomas Hardy

A blaze of love and extinction, was better than a lantern glimmer of the same which should last long years.

~Thomas Hardy

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

~Thomas Hardy

It was the touch of the imperfect upon the would-be perfect that gave the sweetness, because it was that which gave the humanity

~Thomas Hardy

It may have been observed that there is no regular path for getting out of love as there is for getting in. Some people look upon marriage as a

short cut that way, but it has been known to fail.

~Thomas Hardy

Women are so strange in their influence that they tempt you to misplaced kindness.

~Thomas Hardy

Tis because we be on a blighted star, and not a sound one, isn't it Tess?

~Thomas Hardy

People go on marrying because they can't resist natural forces, although many of them may know perfectly well that they are possibly buying a month's pleasure with a life's discomfort.

~Thomas Hardy

Teach me to live, that I may dread The grave as little as my bed. Teach me to die.

~Thomas Hardy

There's a friendly tie of some sort between music and eating.

~Thomas Hardy

That it would always be summer and autumn, and you always courting me, and always thinking as much of me as you have done through the past summertime!

~Thomas Hardy

If we be doomed to marry, we marry; if we be doomed to remain single we do.

~Thomas Hardy

Everybody is so talented nowadays that the only people I care to honor as deserving real distinction are those who remain in obscurity.

~Thomas Hardy

If Galileo had said in verse that the world moved, the inquisition might have let him alone.

~Thomas Hardy

Like the British Constitution, she owes her success in practice to her inconsistencies in principle.

~Thomas Hardy

It was then that the ecstasy and the dream began, in which emotion was the matter of the universe, and matter but an adventitious intrusion likely to hinder you from spinning where you wanted to spin.

~Thomas Hardy

It was terribly beautiful to Tess today, for since her eyes last fell upon it she had learnt that the serpent hisses where the sweet birds sing.

~Thomas Hardy

Beauty lay not in the thing, but in what the thing symbolized.

~Thomas Hardy

Some folk want their luck buttered.

~Thomas Hardy

So each had a private little sun for her soul to bask in; some dream, some affection, some hobby, or at least some remote and distant hope.

~Thomas Hardy

It is difficult for a woman to define her feelings in language which is chiefly made by men to express theirs.

~Thomas Hardy

Is a woman a thinking unit at all, or a fraction always wanting its integer?

~Thomas Hardy

Women are attracted to silent men. They believe they are listening.

~Thomas Hardy

The value of old age depends upon the person who reaches it. To some men of early performance it is useless. To others, who are late to develop, it just enables them to finish the job.

~Thomas Hardy

I am the family face; flesh perishes, I live on.

~Thomas Hardy

You overrate my capacity of love. I don't possess half the warmth of nature you believe me to have. An unprotected childhood in a cold world has beaten gentleness out of me.

~Thomas Hardy

Don't think of what's past!" said she. "I am not going to think outside of now. Why should we! Who knows what tomorrow has in store?"

~Thomas Hardy

My wicked heart will ramble on in spite of myself. (Arabella)

~Thomas Hardy

The offhand decision of some commonplace mind high in office at a critical moment influences the course of events for a hundred years.

~Thomas Hardy

That one true heart was left behind! What feeling do we ever find, to equal among human kind, a dog's fidelity!

~Thomas Hardy

If the story-tellers could ha' got decency and good morals from true stories, who'd have troubled to invent parables?

~Thomas Hardy

The smile on your mouth was the dearest thing alive enough to have strength to die. (from "Neutral Tones")

~Thomas Hardy

Measurement of life should be proportioned rather to the intensity of the experience than to its actual length.

~Thomas Hardy

Give the enemy not only a road for flight, but also a means of defending it.

~Thomas Hardy

I may do some good before I am dead--be a sort of success as a frightful example of what not to do; and so illustrate a moral story.

~Thomas Hardy

If an offense come out of the truth, better is it that the offense come than that the truth be concealed.

~Thomas Hardy

Yes; quaint and curious war is! You shoot a fellow down you'd treat if met where any bar is, or help to half-a-crown.

~Thomas Hardy

This hobble of being alive is rather serious, don't you think so?

~Thomas Hardy

you are absolutely the most ethereal, least sensual woman I ever knew to exist without inhuman sexlessness.

~Thomas Hardy

Black chaos comes, and the fettered gods of the earth say, Let there be light.

~Thomas Hardy

War makes rattling good history.

~Thomas Hardy

She was of the stuff of which great men's mothers are made. She was indispensable to high generation, hated at tea parties, feared in shops, and loved at crises.

~Thomas Hardy

I agree to the conditions, Angel; because you know best what my punishment ought to be; only - only - don't make it more than I can bear!

~Thomas Hardy

Did it never strike your mind that what every woman says, some women may feel?

~Thomas Hardy

Where we are would be Paradise to me, if you would only make it so.

~Thomas Hardy

War makes good history but peace is poor reading.

~Thomas Hardy

Let me enjoy the earth no less because the all-enacting light that fashioned forth its loveliness had other aims than my delight.

~Thomas Hardy

It was still early, and the sun's lower limb was just free of the hill, his rays, ungenial and peering, addressed the eye rather than the touch as yet.

~Thomas Hardy

My eyes were dazed by you for a little, and that was all.

~Thomas Hardy

It is rarely that the pleasures of the imagination will compensate for the pain of sleeplessness.

~Thomas Hardy

...our impulses are too strong for our judgement sometimes

~Thomas Hardy

Ladies know what to guard against, because they read novels that tell them of these tricks.

~Thomas Hardy

Dialect words are those terrible marks of the beast to the truly genteel.

~Thomas Hardy

When yellow lights struggle with blue shades in hairlike lines.

~Thomas Hardy

He knelt and bent lower, till her breath warmed his face, and in a moment his cheek was in contact with hers. She was sleeping soundly, and upon her eyelashes there lingered tears.

~Thomas Hardy

Sometimes I shrink from your knowing what I have felt for you, and sometimes I am distressed that all of it you will never know.

~Thomas Hardy

I am the family face; flesh perishes, I live on, projecting trait and trace through time to times anon, and leaping from place to place over oblivion.

~Thomas Hardy

They spoke very little of their mutual feeling; pretty phrases and warm expressions being probably unnecessary between such tried friends.

~Thomas Hardy

...he seemed to approach the grave as an hyperbolic curve approaches a line, less directly as he got nearer, till it was doubtful if he would ever reach it at all.

~Thomas Hardy

- the ethereal, fine-nerved, sensitive girl, quite unfitted by temperament and instinct to fulfil the conditions of the matrimonial relation with Phillotson, possibly with scarce any man.

~Thomas Hardy

We ought to have lived in mental communion, and no more.

~Thomas Hardy

Indifference to fate which, though it often makes a villain of a man, is the basis of his sublimity when it does not.

~Thomas Hardy

If a path to the better there be, it begins with a full look at the worst.

~Thomas Hardy

It appears that ordinary men take wives because possession is not possible without marriage, and that ordinary women accept husbands because marriage is not possible without possession

~Thomas Hardy

So do flux and reflux--the rhythm of change--alternate and persist in everything under the sky.

~Thomas Hardy

Silence has sometimes a remarkable power of showing itself as the disembodied soul of feeling wandering without its carcase, and it is then more impressive than speech.

~Thomas Hardy

The business of the poet and the novelist is to show the sorriness underlying the grandest things and the grandeur underlying the sorriest things.

~Thomas Hardy

All romances end at marriage.

~Thomas Hardy

Women accept their destiny more readily than men.

~Thomas Hardy

The defective can be more than the entire.

~Thomas Hardy

That cold accretion called the world, so terrible in the mass, is so non formidable, even pitiable, in its units.

~Thomas Hardy

You could sometimes see her twelfth year in her cheeks, or her ninth sparkling from her eyes; and even her fifth would flit over the curves of her mouth now and then.

~Thomas Hardy

But no one came. Because no one ever does.

~Thomas Hardy

You ride well, but you don't kiss nicely at all.

~Thomas Hardy

I wish I had never been born--there or anywhere else.

~Thomas Hardy

Of love it may be said, the less earthly the less demonstrative. In its absolutely indestructible form it reaches a profundity in which all exhibition of itself is painful.

~Thomas Hardy

I have felt lately, more and more, that my present way of living is bad in every respect.

~Thomas Hardy

Nobody had beheld the gravitation of the two into one

~Thomas Hardy

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