

Thomas Love Peacock Quotes

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There are two reasons for drinking wine...when you are thirsty, to cure it; the other, when you are not thirsty, to prevent it... prevention is better than cure.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Clouds on clouds, in volumes driven, curtain round the vault of heaven.

~Thomas Love Peacock

The juice of the grape is the liquid quintessence of concentrated sunbeams.

~Thomas Love Peacock

The waste of plenty is the resource of scarcity.

~Thomas Love Peacock

He kept at true good humor's mark The social flow of pleasure's tide:
He never made a brow look dark, Nor caused a tear, but when he died.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Marriage may often be a stormy lake, but celibacy is almost always a muddy horsepond.

~Thomas Love Peacock

The mountain sheep are sweeter, But the valley sheep are fatter. We therefore deemed it meeter To carry off the latter.

~Thomas Love Peacock

I never failed to convince an audience that the best thing they could do was to go away.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Names are changed more readily than doctrines, and doctrines more readily than ceremonies.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Sir, I have quarrelled with my wife; and a man who has quarrelled with his wife is absolved from all duty to his country.

~Thomas Love Peacock

The highest wisdom and the highest genius have been invariably accompanied with cheerfulness. We have sufficient proofs on record that Shakespeare and Socrates were the most festive companions.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Nothing can be more obvious than that all animals were created solely and exclusively for the use of man.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Death comes to all. His cold and sapless hand Waves o'er the world, and beckons us away. Who shall resist the summons?

~Thomas Love Peacock

A book that furnishes no quotations, is me judice, no book, "it is a plaything.

~Thomas Love Peacock

In a bowl to sea went wise men three, On a brilliant night of June:
They carried a net, and their hearts were set On fishing up the moon.

~Thomas Love Peacock

My thoughts by night are often filled With visions false as fair: For in the past alone, I build My castles in the air.

~Thomas Love Peacock

My quarrel with him is, that his works contain nothing worth quoting; and a book that furnishes no quotations, is me judice, "it is a plaything.

~Thomas Love Peacock

How troublesome is day! It calls us from our sleep away; It bids us from our pleasant dreams awake, And sends us forth to keep or break Our promises to pay. How troublesome is day!

~Thomas Love Peacock

Laughter is pleasant, but the exertion at my age is too much for me.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Not drunk is he who from the floor - Can rise alone and still drink more;
But drunk is They, who prostrate lies, Without the power to drink or rise.

~Thomas Love Peacock

The critic does his utmost to blight genius in its infancy; that which rises in spite of him he will not see; and then he complains of the decline of literature.

~Thomas Love Peacock

When Scythrop grew up, he was sent, as usual, to a public school, where a little learning was painfully beaten into him, and from thence to the university, where it was carefully taken out of him.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Tea, late dinners and the French Revolution. I cannot exactly see the connection of ideas.

~Thomas Love Peacock

I like the immaterial world. I like to live among thoughts and images of the past and the possible, and even of the impossible, now and then.

~Thomas Love Peacock

I almost think it is the ultimate destiny of science to exterminate the human race.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Time is lord of thee: Thy wealth, thy glory, and thy name are his.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Man yields to death; and man's sublimest works
Must yield at length to
Time.

~Thomas Love Peacock

The present is our own; but while we speak,
We cease from its possession, and resign
The stage we tread on, to another race, As
vain, and gay, and mortal as ourselves.

~Thomas Love Peacock

Time, the foe of man's dominion, Wheels around in ceaseless flight,
Scattering from his hoary pinion Shades of everlasting night.

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But still my fancy wanders free Through that which might have been.

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