

W. S. Gilbert

Quotes

*Men, Long, Thinking, World, Giving, Life, Lying, Flats, Age, Kings, Fighting,
Heart, Morning, Knows, Bills, Sea, Love, Funny, Children, Mind*

Love, unrequited, robs me of my rest: Love, hopeless love, my ardent soul encumbers: Love, nightmare-like, lies heavy on my chest, And weaves itself into my midnight slumbers!

~W. S. Gilbert

When everyone is somebody, then no one's anybody.

~W. S. Gilbert

He did nothing in particular, and did it very well.

~W. S. Gilbert

To sit in solemn silence on a dull, dark dock in a pestilential prison with a life-long lock awaiting the sensation of a short, sharp shock from a cheap and chippy chopper on a big, black block.

~W. S. Gilbert

As is gloriously sung in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore," in the words of W. S. Gilbert: "Things are seldom as they seem, Skim milk masquerades as cream."

~W. S. Gilbert

I'm really very sorry for you all, but it's an unjust world, and virtue is triumphant only in theatrical performances.

~W. S. Gilbert

Deerstalking would be a very fine sport if only the deer had guns.

~W. S. Gilbert

Merely corroborative detail, intended to give artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative.

~W. S. Gilbert

No one can have a higher opinion of him than I have; and I think he's a dirty little beast.

~W. S. Gilbert

Life's a pudding full of plums.

~W. S. Gilbert

It's love that makes the world go round.

~W. S. Gilbert

When in that House MPs divide/If they've a brain and cerebellum,
too/They've got to leave that brain outside/And vote just as their leaders
tell 'em to.

~W. S. Gilbert

What though I cannot meet my bills? What though I suffer toothache's
ills? What though I swallow countless pills?

~W. S. Gilbert

Oh, don't the days seem lank and long When all goes right and nothing
goes wrong, And isn't your life extremely flat With nothing whatever to
grumble at!

~W. S. Gilbert

Oh, wouldn't the world seem dull and flat with nothing whatever to
grumble at?

~W. S. Gilbert

Saturday afternoon, although occurring at regular and well-foreseen
intervals, always takes this railway by surprise.

~W. S. Gilbert

Things are seldom what they seem.

~W. S. Gilbert

Roll on, thou ball, roll on! Through pathless realms of Space, Roll on!

~W. S. Gilbert

Isn't your life extremely flat, With nothing to grumble at?

~W. S. Gilbert

every Jack He must study the knack If he wants to make sure of his Jill!

~W. S. Gilbert

The Law is the true embodiment of everything that's excellent; it has no kind of fault or flaw and I, my Lords, embody the Law.

~W. S. Gilbert

The privilege and pleasure That we treasure beyond measure Is to run on little errands for the Ministers of State.

~W. S. Gilbert

Life is a joke that's just begun.

~W. S. Gilbert

Wherever valor true is found, true modesty will there abound.

~W. S. Gilbert

The idiot who praises, with enthusiastic tone, All centuries but this, and every country but his own.

~W. S. Gilbert

A man is but an ass Who fights in a cuirass

~W. S. Gilbert

There's fish in the sea, no doubt of it, As good as ever came out of it.

~W. S. Gilbert

When Wellington thrashed Bonaparte, As every child can tell, The

House of Peers, throughout the war, Did nothing in particular, And did it very well

~W. S. Gilbert

I am the very model of a modern major general

~W. S. Gilbert

Darwinian man, though well-behaved, at best is only a monkey shaved.

~W. S. Gilbert

So I fell in love with a rich attorney's Elderly ugly daughter.

~W. S. Gilbert

If you're anxious to shine in the high aesthetic line as a man of culture rare, you must get up all the germs of the transcendental terms, and plant them everywhere.

~W. S. Gilbert

It isn't so much what's on the table that matters, as what's on the chairs.

~W. S. Gilbert

A policeman's lot is not a happy one

~W. S. Gilbert

Man is nature's sole mistake.

~W. S. Gilbert

In all the woes that curse our race there is a lady in the case.

~W. S. Gilbert

It's true I've got no shirts to wear; It's true my butcher's bill is due; It's true my prospects all look blue - But don't let that unsettle you.

~W. S. Gilbert

I love my fellow creatures - I do all the good I can - yet everybody says I'm such a disagreeable man!

~W. S. Gilbert

When every blessed thing you have is made of silver, or of gold, you long for simple pewter.

~W. S. Gilbert

Faint heart never won fair lady! Nothing venture, nothing win Blood is thick, but water's thin In for a penny, in for a pound It's Love that makes the world go 'round!

~W. S. Gilbert

I always voted at my party's call, and I never thought of thinking for myself at all.

~W. S. Gilbert

Then a sentimental passion of a vegetable fashion must excite your languid spleen, An attachment a la Plato for a bashful young potato, or a not-too-French French bean!

~W. S. Gilbert

When a felon s not engaged in his employment, Or maturing his felonious little plans, His capacity for innocent enjoyment Is just as great as any honest mans.

~W. S. Gilbert

If I can wheedle A knife or a needle, Why not a Silver Churn?

~W. S. Gilbert

See how the Fates their gifts allot, For A is happy-B is not. Yet B is worthy, I dare say, Of more prosperity than A.

~W. S. Gilbert

poverty is obsolete and hunger is abolished

~W. S. Gilbert

Is life a boon? If so, it must befall That Death, whene'er he call, Must call too soon.

~W. S. Gilbert

When you are lying awake with a dismal headache, and repose is tabooed by anxiety, I conceive you may use any language you choose to indulge in without impropriety.

~W. S. Gilbert

He led his regiment from behind. He found it less exciting.

~W. S. Gilbert

If the jests that you crack have an orthodox smack, You may get a bland smile from these sages; But should it, by chance, be imported from France, Half-a-crown is stopped out of your wages!

~W. S. Gilbert

Who knows but we may count among our intellectual chickens Like them an Earl of Thackeray and p'raps a Duke of Dickens

~W. S. Gilbert

And that singular anomaly, the lady novelist-- I don't think she'd be missed--I'm sure she'd not be missed!

~W. S. Gilbert

Bless your heart, they don't mind--they're exceedingly kind-- They don't blame you--as long as you're funny!

~W. S. Gilbert

When the enterprising burglar isn't burgling; When the cut-throat isn't occupied in crime; He loves to hear the little brook a-gurgling; And listen to the merry village chime.

~W. S. Gilbert

Oh! a private buffoon is a light-hearted loon, If you listen to popular rumour; From morning to night he's so joyous and bright, And he bubbles with wit and good humour!

~W. S. Gilbert

Life's perhaps the only riddle That we shrink from giving up.

~W. S. Gilbert

My family pride is something inconceivable. I can't help it. I was born sneering.

~W. S. Gilbert

Though I'm anything but clever, I could talk like that forever.

~W. S. Gilbert

You must lie upon the daisies and discourse in novel phrases of complicated state of mind. The meaning doesn't matter if it's only idle chatter of a transcendental kind.

~W. S. Gilbert

I accept refreshment at any hands, however lowly.

~W. S. Gilbert

It is a glorious thing To be a Pirate King.

~W. S. Gilbert

My object all sublime I shall achieve in time- To let the punishment fit the crime- The punishment fit the crime.

~W. S. Gilbert

Ah, pray no mistake, We are not shy; We're very wide awake The Moon and I.

~W. S. Gilbert

I know everybody's income and what everybody earns, And I carefully compare it with the income-tax returns

~W. S. Gilbert

I often think it's comical How Nature always does contrive That every boy and every gal That's born into the world alive Is either a little Liberal Or else a little Conservative!

~W. S. Gilbert

Spurn not the nobly born with love affected; nor treat with virtuous scorn the well connected.

~W. S. Gilbert

Strike the concertina's melancholy string! Blow the spirit-stirring harp like any thing! Let the piano's martial blast Rouse the Echoes of the Past

~W. S. Gilbert

I am a child of Nature, and take after my mother.

~W. S. Gilbert

Bow, bow, ye lower middle classes! Bow, bow, ye tradesmen, bow, ye masses!

~W. S. Gilbert

I see no objection to stoutness, in moderation.

~W. S. Gilbert

All bayonets are bad.

~W. S. Gilbert

Oh, I am a cook and a captain bold, And the mate of the Nancybrig,
And a bos'sun tight, and a midshipmite, And the crew of the captain's
gig!

~W. S. Gilbert

I shall carry to the Catacombs of Age, Photographically lined
On the tablet of my mind

~W. S. Gilbert

The happiest hour a sailor sees Is when he's down At an inland town,
With his Nancy on his knees, yo ho! And his arm around her waist!

~W. S. Gilbert

Bind up their wounds - but look the other way.

~W. S. Gilbert

On my face extended flat I was walloped with a cat For listening at the
key-hole of the door.

~W. S. Gilbert

Society has quite forsaken all her wicked courses, Which empties our
police courts, and abolishes divorces.

~W. S. Gilbert

Posterity will know as little of me as I know of posterity.

~W. S. Gilbert

Posterity shall know of me even less than I shall know of posterity.

~W. S. Gilbert

If your master is surly, from getting up early (And tempers are short in
the morning), An inopportune joke is enough to provoke Him to give
you, at once, a month's warning.

~W. S. Gilbert

I am a courtier grave and serious Who is about to kiss your hand: Try to combine a pose imperious With a demeanour nobly bland.

~W. S. Gilbert

Let the punishment fit the crime.

~W. S. Gilbert

Utopia's quite another land; In her enterprising movements, She is England--with improvements

~W. S. Gilbert

There's a fascination frantic in a ruin that's romantic.

~W. S. Gilbert

For duty, duty must be done; The rule applies to everyone.

~W. S. Gilbert

No good play is a success; fine writing and high morals are useless on the stage. I have been scribbling twaddle for thirty-five years to suit the public taste, and I should know.

~W. S. Gilbert

In short, whoever you may be, To this conclusion you'll agree, When every one is somebodee, Then no one's anybody!

~W. S. Gilbert

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