

Walter Scott Quotes

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It is wonderful what strength of purpose and boldness and energy of will are roused by the assurance that we are doing our duty.

~Walter Scott

To all, to each, a fair good-night, and pleasing dreams, and slumbers light.

~Walter Scott

The willow which bends to the tempest often escapes better than the oak which resists it.

~Walter Scott

O woman! in our hours of ease Uncertain, coy, and hard to please, And variable as the shade By the light quivering aspen made; When pain and anguish wring the brow, A ministering angel thou!

~Walter Scott

Is death the last sleep? No, it is the last and final awakening.

~Walter Scott

Success or failure in business is caused more by the mental attitude even than by mental capacities.

~Walter Scott

If you once turn on your side after the hour at which you ought to rise, it is all over. Bolt up at once.

~Walter Scott

Treason seldom dwells with courage.

~Walter Scott

Look back, and smile on perils past.

~Walter Scott

He that climbs a ladder must begin at the first round.

~Walter Scott

War is the only game in which both sides lose.

~Walter Scott

Cats are a very mysterious kind of folk. There is always more passing in their minds than we are aware of.

~Walter Scott

We shall never learn to feel and respect our real calling and destiny, unless we have taught ourselves to consider every thing as moonshine, compared with the education of the heart.

~Walter Scott

Discretion is the perfection of reason, and a guide to us in all the duties of life.

~Walter Scott

O, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive!

~Walter Scott

Land of my sires! what mortal hand
Can e'er untie the filial band
That knits me to thy rugged strand!

~Walter Scott

What I have to say is far more important than how long my eyelashes are.

~Walter Scott

The misery of keeping a dog is his dying so soon. But, to be sure, if he lived for fifty years and then died, what would become of me?

~Walter Scott

Will future ages believe that such stupid bigotry ever existed!

~Walter Scott

To the timid and hesitating everything is impossible because it seems so.

~Walter Scott

Heap on more wood! - the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

~Walter Scott

Success - keeping your mind awake and your desire asleep.

~Walter Scott

Vengeance to God alone belongs; But, when I think of all my wrongs My blood is liquid flame!

~Walter Scott

Come fill up my cup, come fill up my can, Come saddle your horses, and call up your men; Come open the West Port, and let me gang free, And it's room for the bonnets of Bonny Dundee!

~Walter Scott

Revenge, the sweetest morsel to the mouth that ever was cooked in hell.

~Walter Scott

Love rules the court, the camp, the grove, And men below, and saints above: For love is heaven, and heaven is love.

~Walter Scott

The will to do, the soul to dare..

~Walter Scott

...crystal and hearts would lose all their merit in the world if it were not for their fragility.

~Walter Scott

All men who have turned out worth anything have had the chief hand in their own education.

~Walter Scott

The tear, down childhood's cheek that flows, Is like the dewdrop on the rose; When next the summer breeze comes by And waves the bush, the flower is dry.

~Walter Scott

Real valor consists not in being insensible to danger; but in being prompt to confront and disarm it.

~Walter Scott

Many of our cares are but a morbid way of looking at our privileges

~Walter Scott

For success, attitude is equally as important as ability.

~Walter Scott

See yonder rock from which the fountain gushes; is it less compact of adamant, though waters flow from it? Firm hearts have moister eyes.

~Walter Scott

Many miles away there's a shadow on the door of a cottage on the Shore of a dark Scottish lake.

~Walter Scott

A rusted nail, placed near the faithful compass, Will sway it from the truth, and wreck the argosy.

~Walter Scott

Credit is like a looking-glass, which when once sullied by a breath, may be wiped clear again; but if once cracked can never be repaired.

~Walter Scott

If a farmer fills his barn with grain, he gets mice. If he leaves it empty, he gets actors.

~Walter Scott

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

~Walter Scott

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
The poor man's heart through half
the year.

~Walter Scott

We often praise the evening clouds,
And tints so gay and bold,
But seldom think upon our God,
Who tinged these clouds with gold.

~Walter Scott

Each age has deemed the new-born year
the fittest time for festal
cheer.

~Walter Scott

The happy combination of fortuitous circumstances.

~Walter Scott

When true friends meet in adverse hour;
'Tis like a sunbeam through a
shower. A watery way an instant seen,
The darkly closing clouds
between.

~Walter Scott

Cats are a mysterious kind of folk.

~Walter Scott

We are like the herb which flourisheth most when it is most trampled on.

~Walter Scott

God in his goodness sent the grapes To cheer both great and small;
Little fools will drink too much And great fools none at all!

~Walter Scott

Of all vices, drinking is the most incompatible with greatness.

~Walter Scott

Teach you children poetry; it opens the mind, lends grace to wisdom and makes the heroic virtues hereditary.

~Walter Scott

Vacant heart, and hand, and eye, Easy live and quiet die.

~Walter Scott

come he slow or come he fast it is but death that comes at last

~Walter Scott

Her blue eyes sought the west afar, For lovers love the western star.

~Walter Scott

There is a vulgar incredulity, which in historical matters, as well as in those of religion, finds it easier to doubt than to examine.

~Walter Scott

Do not Christians and Heathens, and Jews and Gentiles, and poets and philosophers, unite in allowing the starry influences?

~Walter Scott

November's sky is chill and drear, November's leaf is red and sear.

~Walter Scott

Hope is brightest when it dawns from fears.

~Walter Scott

The chain of friendship, however bright, does not stand the attrition of constant close contact.

~Walter Scott

One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age without a name

~Walter Scott

Breathes there the man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land.

~Walter Scott

What is a diary as a rule? A document useful to the person who keeps it. Dull to the contemporary who reads it and invaluable to the student, centuries afterwards, who treasures it.

~Walter Scott

Covetousness bursts the sack and spills the grain.

~Walter Scott

Contentions fierce, Ardent, and dire, spring from no petty cause.

~Walter Scott

For love is heaven and heaven is love.

~Walter Scott

For monarchs seldom sigh in vain.

~Walter Scott

Like the dew on the mountain, like the foam on the river, like the bubble on the fountain, thou art gone, and for ever!

~Walter Scott

Then hush thee, my darling, take rest while you may, For strife comes with manhood, and waking with day.

~Walter Scott

Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking, morn of toil, nor night of waking.

~Walter Scott

A glass of good wine is a gracious creature, and reconciles poor mortality to itself and that is what few things can do.

~Walter Scott

Nothing is more completely the child of art than a garden.

~Walter Scott

Silence, maiden; thy tongue outruns thy discretion.

~Walter Scott

I have heard men talk about the blessings of freedom," he said to himself, "but I wish any wise man would teach me what use to make of it now that I have it.

~Walter Scott

To be ambitious of true honor, of the true glory and perfection of our natures, is the very principle and incentive of virtue.

~Walter Scott

Sordid selfishness doth contract and narrow our benevolence, and cause us, like serpents, to infold ourselves within ourselves, and to turn out our stings to the entire world besides.

~Walter Scott

He is the best sailor who can steer within fewest points of the wind, and exact a motive power out of the greatest obstacles.

~Walter Scott

Affection can withstand very severe storms of vigor, but not a long polar frost of indifference.

~Walter Scott

I will tear this folly from my heart, though every fibre bleed as I rend it away!

~Walter Scott

Steady of heart and stout of hand.

~Walter Scott

Greatness of any kind has no greater foe than a habit of drinking.

~Walter Scott

We build statues out of snow, and weep to see them melt.

~Walter Scott

From my experience, not one in twenty marries the first love; we build statues of snow and weep to see them melt.

~Walter Scott

What a strange scene if the surge of conversation could suddenly ebb like the tide, and show us the real state of people's minds.

~Walter Scott

He that climbs the tall tree has won right to the fruit, He that leaps the wide gulf should prevail in his suit.

~Walter Scott

There never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in the character which is a stranger to resolute self-denial.

~Walter Scott

Blessed be his name, who hath appointed the quiet night to follow the busy day, and the calm sleep to refresh the wearied limbs and to compose the troubled spirit.

~Walter Scott

So faithful in love, and so dauntless in war, There never was knight like young Lochinvar.

~Walter Scott

Faces that have charmed us the most escape us the soonest.

~Walter Scott

High minds, of native pride and force, Most deeply feel thy pangs, Remorse; Fear, for their scourge, means villains have, Thou art the torturer of the brave!

~Walter Scott

Spangling the wave with lights as vain As pleasures in the vale of pain, That dazzle as they fade.

~Walter Scott

Never was flattery lost on a poet's ear; a simple race, they waste their toil for the vain tribute of a smile.

~Walter Scott

There is a southern proverb - fine words butter no parsnips.

~Walter Scott

Ambition is no cure for love!

~Walter Scott

When thinking about companions gone, we feel ourselves doubly alone.

~Walter Scott

Mankind " the race would perish did they cease to aid each other.

~Walter Scott

What skilful limner e'er would choose To paint the rainbow's varying hues,
Unless to mortal it were given To dip his brush in dyes of heaven?

~Walter Scott

Time rolls his ceaseless course.

~Walter Scott

And love is loveliest when embalm'd in tears.

~Walter Scott

Call it not vain: they do not err Who say that when the poet dies Mute Nature mourns her worshipper,
And celebrates his obsequies.

~Walter Scott

Women are but the toys which amuse our lighter hours---ambition is the serious business of life.

~Walter Scott

Come one, come all! this rock shall fly From its firm base, as soon as I.

~Walter Scott

Tell that to the marines - the sailors won't believe it.

~Walter Scott

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