

Yehuda Amichai

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Jerusalem is a port city on the shore of eternity.

~Yehuda Amichai

From the place where we are right, flowers will not grow in the spring.

~Yehuda Amichai

The soul inside me is the last foreign language I'm learning.

~Yehuda Amichai

Love is like a reservoir of kindness and pleasure, like silos and pools during a siege.

~Yehuda Amichai

Behind all this, some great happiness is hiding.

~Yehuda Amichai

And as we stray further from love, we multiply the words. Had we remained together we could have become a silence.

~Yehuda Amichai

My poems are political in the deeper sense of the word. Political means to live in your time, to be a man of your time.

~Yehuda Amichai

There are two languages: one as things seem to us and the other of knowledge.

~Yehuda Amichai

It was not an adventure; it was my life.

~Yehuda Amichai

I think the end is endless. It's either a big black hole or a big white light or both together. But it's totally meaningless, because even if someone would explain it, I wouldn't understand it.

~Yehuda Amichai

Every intelligent person, whether hes an artist or not - a mathematician, a doctor, a scientist - possesses a poetic way of seeing and describing the world.

~Yehuda Amichai

Here (Jerusalem), tears do not weaken the eyes, they only polish and shine the hardness of faces like stone.

~Yehuda Amichai

And I said to myself: That's true, hope needs to be like barbed wire to keep out despair, hope must be a mine field.

~Yehuda Amichai

The reason a poet is a poet is to write poems, not to advertise himself as a poet.

~Yehuda Amichai

I wanted to be calm, like a mound with all its cities destroyed, and tranquil, like a full cemetery.

~Yehuda Amichai

Knowledge of peace passes from country to country, like children's games, which are so much alike, everywhere.

~Yehuda Amichai

A flock of sheep near the airport or a high voltage generator beside the orchard: these combinations open up my life like a wound, but they also heal it. That's why my feelings always come in twos.

~Yehuda Amichai

The memory of my father is wrapped up in white paper, like sandwiches taken for a day of work. Just as a magician takes towers and rabbits out

of his hat, he drew love from his small body.

~Yehuda Amichai

What are you going to do now? You'll collect loves like stamps. You've got doubles and no one will trade with you. And you've got damaged ones.

~Yehuda Amichai

The phrase I like to use to describe my sense of time-a play on comparative literature - is comparative time.

~Yehuda Amichai

I try to stay a civilian, to live as a human, not as a poet.

~Yehuda Amichai

Even if a poet writes about sitting in a glass house drinking tea, it reflects politics.

~Yehuda Amichai

Tonight I think again of many days that are sacrificed for one night of love. Of the waste and the fruit of the waste, of plenty and of fire. And how painlessly-time.

~Yehuda Amichai

God has pity on kindergarten children

~Yehuda Amichai

The world of religion isn't a logical world; that's why children like it. It's a world of worked-out fantasies, very similar to children's stories or fairy tales.

~Yehuda Amichai

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