



## A Few Great Quotes

“Finally consider that even the seeker after knowledge forces his spirit to recognize things against the inclination of the spirit , and often enough also against the wishes of his heart--by way of saying no where he would like to say yes, love, and adore- and thus acts as an artist and transfigurer of cruelty.”  
**Friedrich Nietzsche**

“The sun, with all those planets revolving it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do.” **Galileo Galilei**

“Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair.”  
**Kahlil Gibran**

I walked barefoot - the only way to walk down a muddy road. **Laurie R. King**

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,  
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,  
There is society, where none intrudes,  
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:  
I love not man the less, but Nature more. **George Gordon Byron**

The poetry of the earth is never dead. **John Keats**

All sounds of the earth are like music. **Oscar Hammerstein**

Jazz came to America three hundred years ago in chains. **Paul Whiteman**

Great art is as irrational as great music. It is mad with its own loveliness. **George Jean Nathan**

“And the day came when the wish to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.”  
**Anais Nin**

Imagination is more important than knowledge. **Albert Einstein**

I merely took the energy it takes to pout and wrote some blues. **Duke Ellington**

Stop thinking and talking and there is nothing you will not be able to know. **Zen Paradigm**

I shut my eyes in order to see. **Paul Gauguin**

As long as I live, I'll hear waterfalls and birds and winds sing. I'll interpret the rocks, learn the language of flood, storm, and the avalanche. I'll acquaint myself with the glaciers and wild gardens, and get as near the heart of the world as I can. **John Muir**

One impulse from a vernal wood  
May teach you more of man,  
Of moral evil and of good,  
Than all the sages can. **William Wordsworth**

Everyone wants to understand painting. Why is there no attempt to understand the song of the birds?

**Pablo Picasso**

My mother said to me, "If you become a soldier, you'll be a general; if you become a monk, you'll end up as the pope." Instead, I became a painter and wound up as Picasso. **Pablo Picasso**

I tell you, the more I think, the more I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.  
**Vincent Van Gogh**

"One should count each day a separate life."

**Lucius Annaeus Seneca (5BC - 65AD)**

"Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty. The obedient must be slaves." **Henry David Thoreau**

"In Germany they came first for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time - there was no one left to speak up." **Martin Niemöller German Pastor**

"I saw the errors I had made and assumed full responsibility for everything. You know, instead of being a man who would say, 'Well, it's a rotten system we live under,' and griping about politics, economics and the social condition, I said, 'Despite all that, I could have acted differently, I could have come out,' do you see? And I saw that as being the fault of my own nature, character and temperament. I accepted it, and once I did that, a great weight fell off me. I was liberated. I was able to really enjoy myself." **Henry Miller**

"Before the beginning of great brilliance and beauty there first must be a period of complete chaos".

**I- Ching**

"I decided that adventure was the best way to learn..."

**Lloyd Alexander**

"The very uprightness of the pines and maples asserts the ancient rectitude and vigor of nature. Our lives need the relief of such a background, where the pine flourishes and the jay still screams."

**Henry David Thoreau**

"If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space."

**Anonymous**

"Who dares nothing, need hope for nothing."

**Johann Friedrich Von Schiller**

The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Yesterday is ashes; tomorrow wood. Only today does the fire burn brightly.

**Eskimo proverb**

“When we are alone on a starlit night, when by chance we see the migrating birds in autumn descending on a grove of junipers to rest and eat; when we see children in a moment when they are really children, when we know love in our own hearts; or when, like the Japanese poet, Basho, we hear an old frog land in a quiet pond with a solitary splash--at such times the awakening, the turning inside out of all values, the "newness", the emptiness and the purity of vision that make themselves evident, all these provide a glimpse of the cosmic dance”.

**Thomas Merton**

“When an old man dies, it is a whole library which burns.”

**African proverb**

“Everything is held together with stories. That is all that is holding us together, stories and compassion.” **Aristotle**

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.”

**T. S. Eliot**

"Come to the edge", he said.

They said, "We are afraid".

"Come to the edge", he said.

They came.

He pushed them ...

and they flew.

**Guillaume Apollinaire**

"Security is a kind of death." **Tennessee Williams**

“Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature. Life is either a grand adventure or nothing at all....”

**Helen Keller**

“And in the end,  
it's not the years in your life that count,  
it's the life in your years.” **Abraham Lincoln**

“Become the change you seek in the world.” **Gandhi**

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

“It is never too late to be who you might have been.”

**George Eliot**

“Live passionately, even if it kills you, because something is going to kill you anyway.”

**Webb Chiles**

“Don't be afraid of death so much as an inadequate life.”

**Bertolt Brecht**

“You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.”

**Rabindranath Tagore**

“Plunge boldly into the thick of life, and seize it where you will, it is always interesting.”

**Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe**

"In the universe, there are things that are known, and things that are unknown, and in between, there are doors."

**William Blake**

"It is only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it were the only one we had."

**Elizabeth Kubler-Ross**

“People who say that it cannot be done, should not interrupt those who are doing it.”

**Unknown**