

Quotes, Poems & Readings

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Quotes from TV Series or Movies

“Do you wanna come with me? Cos if you do, then I should warn you – you’re gonna see all sorts of things. Ghosts from the past. Aliens from the future. The day the Earth died in a ball of flame. It won’t be quiet, it won’t be safe, and it won’t be calm. But I’ll tell you what it will be: the trip of a lifetime!” – **The Ninth Doctor, Dr Who, Christopher Eccleston**

“It seems to me that the best relationships, the ones that last, are frequently the ones that are rooted in friendship. You know, one day you look at the person, and you see something more than you did the night before. Like a switch has been flicked somewhere. And the person who was just a friend is... suddenly the only person you can ever imagine yourself with.” – **Dana Scully, X-Files, Gillian Anderson**

“You know what the first rule of flying is? ... Love. You can learn all the math in the ‘verse, but you take a boat in the air you don’t love, she’ll shake you off just as sure as the turning of the worlds. Love keeps her in the air when she oughta fall down, tells you she’s hurting ‘fore she keens. Makes her a home.” – **Malcolm Reynolds, Firefly/Serenity, Nathan Fillion**

When I say, I love you, it’s not because I want you or because I can’t have you.
It has nothing to do with me.
I love what you are, what you do, how you try.
I’ve seen your kindness and your strength.
I’ve seen the best and the worst of you.
And I understand with perfect clarity exactly what you are.
You’re a hell of a person.
You’re the one.

Spike, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, James Masters

“My dearest friend, if you don’t mind, I’d like to join you by your side. Where we could gaze into the stars, and sit together, now, and forever. For it is plain as anyone can see, we’re simply meant to be.”

Extract from The Nightmare Before Christmas by Tim Burton

“With this hand, I will lift your sorrow. Your cup will never empty, for I will be your wine. With this candle, I will light your way in darkness. With this ring, I ask you to be mine”.

Extract from The Corpse Bride by Tim Burton

“Commander, I don’t think you can analyse love. It’s the greatest mystery of all. No one knows why it happens or doesn’t. Love is a chance combination of elements. Any one thing might be enough to keep it from igniting – a mood, a glance, or a remark. And if we could define love, predict it, it would probably lose its power.”

Neelix, Star Trek, Ethan Phillips

“I would rather share one lifetime with you than face all the ages of this world alone.” **Arwen, Lord of the Rings, Liv Tyler**

“The greatest thing you’ll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.”

Christian, Moulin Rouge, Ewan McGregor

“When you look in her eyes and she’s looking back in yours, everything feels... not quite normal. Because you feel stronger and weaker at the same time. You feel excited and at the same time, terrified. The truth is... you don’t know what you feel except you know what kind of man you want to be. It’s as if you’ve reached the unreachable and you weren’t ready for it.” **Spider-Man, Tobey Maguire**

“As you are the Moon of his life, he shall be your Sun and Stars. Your love shall be as ever present as those two celestial bodies... even though they are sometimes hidden from one another’s sight. Your love will be the guiding force that charts the course of your tomorrows, holds your world together in difficult times, and will make life itself shine bolder and brighter than we human beings have a right to dream of.”

Extract from Game of Thrones, Khaleesi & Khal Drogo’s wedding

“It’s an extraordinary thing to meet someone who you can bare your soul to, and who will accept you for what you are. I’ve been waiting, what seems like a very long time, to get beyond what I am. And [now] I feel like I can finally begin... No measure of time with you will be long enough. But let’s start with forever.” **Edward Cullen, Twilight, Robert Pattinson**

Poems & Passages

"To Love is Not to Possess" by James Kavanagh

To love is not to possess,
To own or imprison,
Nor to lose oneself in another.
Love is to join and separate,
To walk alone and together,
To find a laughing freedom
That lonely isolation does not permit.
It is finally to be able,
To be who we really are.
No longer clinging in childish dependency,
Nor docilely living separate lives in silence,
It is to be perfectly oneself.
And perfectly joined in permanent commitment
To another—and to one's inner self.
Love only endures when it moves like waves,
Receding and returning gently or passionately,
Or moving lovingly like the tide
In the moon's own predictable harmony,
Because finally, despite a child's scars
Or an adult's deepest wounds,
They are openly free to be,
Who they really are—and always secretly were,
In the very core of their being
Where true and lasting love can alone abide.

Wild Awake by Hilary T. Smith

People are like cities: We all have alleys and gardens and secret rooftops and places where daisies sprout between the sidewalk cracks, but most of the time all we let each other see is a postcard glimpse of a floodlit statue or a skyline. Love lets you find those hidden places in another person, even the ones they didn't know were there, even the ones they wouldn't have thought to call beautiful themselves.

"He's Not Perfect" by Bob Marley

He's not perfect. You aren't either, and the two of you will never be perfect. But if he can make you laugh at least once, causes you to think twice, and if he admits to being human and making mistakes, hold onto him and give him the most you can. He isn't going to quote poetry, he's not thinking about you every moment, but he will give you a part of him that he knows you could break. Don't hurt him, don't change him, and don't expect for more than he can give. Don't analyse. Smile when he makes you happy, yell when he makes you mad, and miss him when he's not there. Love hard when there is love to be had. Because perfect guys don't exist, but there's always one guy that is perfect for you.

"A Happy Delusion" from Frida

"At best, it's a happy delusion—these two people who truly love each other and have no idea how truly miserable they're about to make each other. But, but, when two people know that, and they decide with eyes wide open to face each other and get married anyway, then I don't think it's conservative or delusional. I think it's radical and courageous and very romantic."

"You Deserve a Lover" By Frida Kahlo

You deserve a lover who wants you dishevelled, with everything and all the reasons that wake you up in a haste and the demons that won't let you sleep.

You deserve a lover who makes you feel safe, who can consume this world whole if he walks hand in hand with you; someone who believes that his embraces are a perfect match with your skin.

You deserve a lover who wants to dance with you, who goes to paradise every time he looks into your eyes and never gets tired of studying your expressions.

You deserve a lover who listens when you sing, who supports you when you feel shame and respects your freedom; who flies with you and isn't afraid to fall.

You deserve a lover who takes away the lies and brings you hope, coffee, and poetry."

“Let There be Spaces in Your Togetherness” By Kahlil Gibran

Let there be spaces in your togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.
Love one another but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.
Fill each other’s cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.
Sing and dance together and be joyous,
but let each one of you be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone
though they quiver with the same music.
Give your hearts, but not into each other’s keeping.
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.
And stand together, yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other’s shadow.

Extract from “Admonitions to a Special Person” by Anne Sexton

Love? Be it man. Be it woman.
It must be a wave you want to glide in on,
give your body to it, give your laugh to it,
give, when the gravelly sand takes you,
your tears to the land. To love another is something
like prayer and can’t be planned, you just fall
into its arms because your belief undoes your disbelief.

From “The Great Gatsby”, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

He smiled understandingly – much more than understandingly. It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it that you may come across four or five times in life. It faced – or seemed to face – the whole eternal world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favour. It understood you just as far as you wanted to be understood, believed in you as you would like to believe in yourself, and assured you that it had precisely the impression of you that, at your best, you hoped to convey.

From "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë

'I have for the first time found what I can truly love - I have found you. You are my sympathy - my better self - my good angel; I am bound to you with a strong attachment. I think you good, gifted, lovely: a fervent, a solemn passion is conceived in my heart; it leans to you, draws you to my centre and spring of life, wraps my existence about you - and, kindling in pure, powerful flame, fuses you and me in one.'

"You Are the Bubbles" By Rachel Bright

Together, you are the bubbles in one another's champagne
The morning sun through a window
The breaking of a smile.

Together, you are the one doughnut in the bag with more jam than all the others.
That photo where everybody looks great.
The know-all-the-words, sing-out-of-tune chorus of your favourite song.

Together, you are the beginnings of a big idea.
The twinkly bits that hang in the sky after the firework goes bang.
The cold, thin air at the top of a mountain.
The only two people in a crowded room.

Together, you are that unforgettable day of the holiday.
An accidental adventure.
Chocolate chip.
The last two pages of your favourite book.
A BBQ with friends.
The spray of the sea.
The nose of the cheese.
A kiss.
A hug.
A hold-my-hand.
A decision which, looking back, will seem to be the most excellent one you've ever made.

Together you are bubbles.
The unburst-able bubbles of the very best things in life.
The only things any of us ever really need.

Extract from “Your Personal Penguin” by Sandra Boynton

‘I like you a lot. You’re funny and kind. So let me explain what I have in mind. I want to be Your Personal Penguin. I want to walk right by your side. I want to be Your Personal Penguin. I want to travel with you far and wide.’

“All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten” by Robert Fulgham

All of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned...

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don’t hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don’t take things that aren’t yours.

Say sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Give them to someone who feels sad.

Live a balanced life.

Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day.

Take a nap every afternoon.

Be aware of wonder.

Remember the little seed in the plastic cup? The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

From "The Sandman" by Neil Gaiman

'Have you ever been in love? Horrible, isn't it? It makes you so vulnerable. It opens your chest, and it opens up your heart and it means that someone can get inside you and mess you up. You build up all these defences, you build up a whole suit of armour, so that nothing can hurt you, then one stupid person, no different from any other stupid person, wanders into your stupid life ... You give them a piece of you. They didn't ask for it. They did something dumb one day, like kiss you or smile at you, and then your life isn't your own anymore. Love takes hostages. It gets inside you.'

'Scaffolding' by Seamus Heaney, from Macmillan Collector's Library Wedding Readings and Poems

Masons, when they start upon a building,
Are careful to test out the scaffolding.
Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points,
Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.
And yet all this comes down when the job's done.
Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.
So, if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be
Old bridges breaking between you and me.
Never fear. We can let the scaffolds fall.
Confident that we have built our wall.

"A Vow" by Wendy Cope

I cannot promise never to be angry.

I cannot promise always to be kind.

You know what you are taking on, my darling –

It's only at the start that love is blind.

And yet I'm still the one you want to be with

And you're the one for me – of that, I'm sure.

You are my closest friend, my favourite person,

The lover and the home I've waited for.

I cannot promise that I will deserve you.

From this day on. I hope to pass that test.

I love you and I want to make you happy.

I promise I will do my very best.

“Love Me” by Bee Rawlinson

Love me when I'm old and shocking,
Peel off my elastic stockings.
Swing me from the chandeliers,
Let's be randy bad old dears.
Push around my chromed bath chair,
Let me tease your white chest hair.
Scaring children, swapping dentures,
Let us have some great adventures.
Take me to the dogs and bingo,
Teach me how to speak the lingo.
Bone my eels and bring me tea,
Show me how it's meant to be.
Take me to your special places,
Watching all the puzzled faces.
You in shorts and socks and sandals,
Me with warts and huge love-handles.
As the need for love enthrals,
Wrestle with my damp proof smalls.
Make me laugh without constraint,
Buy me chocolate body paint.
Hold me safe throughout the night,
When my hair has turned to white.
Believe me when I say it's true,
I've waited all my life for you.

"Love" by Roy Croft

I love you
Not only for what you are,
But for what I am
When I am with you.
I love you,
Not only for what
You have made of yourself,
But for what
You are making of me.
I love you
For the part of me
That you bring out;
I love you
For putting your hand
Into my heaped-up heart
And passing over
All the foolish, weak things
That you can't help
Dimly seeing there,
And for drawing out
Into the light
All the beautiful belongings
That no one else had looked
Quite far enough to find.