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Pedro Caldern de la Barca (January 17, 1600 May 25, 1681), Spanish dramatist and poet, was born in Madrid. His mother, who was of Flemish descent, died in 1610; his father, who was secretary to the treasury, died in 1615. Caldern was educated at the Jesuit College in Madrid with a view to taking orders and accepting a family living; abandoning this project, he studied law at Salamanca.

These flowers, which were splendid and sprightly, waking in the dawn of the morning, in the evening will be a pitiful frivolity, sleeping in the cold night's arms.

- Calderon de la Barca, Pedro

What is life? A frenzy. What is life? An illusion, a shadow, a fiction. And the greatest good is trivial; for all life is a dream and all dreams are dreams.

- Calderon de la Barca, Pedro

What law, what reason can deny that gift so sweet, so natural that God has given a stream, a fish, a beast, a bird?

- Calderon de la Barca, Pedro

A good action is never lost; it is a treasure laid up and guarded for the doer's need.

- Calderon de la Barca, Pedro

One may know how to gain a victory, and know not how to use it.

- Calderon de la Barca, Pedro



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