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Benjamin Jonson (June 11, 1572 August 6, 1637) was an English Renaissance dramatist, poet and actor. He is best known for his plays Volpone and The Alchemist, his lyrics, his influence on Jacobean and Caroline poets, his theory of humours, his contentious personality, and his friendship and rivalry with William Shakespeare.

He knows not his own strength that hath not met adversity

- Jonson, Ben

They that know no evil will suspect none.

- Jonson, Ben

True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in the worth and choice.

- Jonson, Ben

When a virtuous man is raised, it brings gladness to his friends, grief to his enemies, and glory to his posterity.

- Jonson, Ben

They say Princes learn no art truly, but the art of horsemanship. The reason is, the brave

beast is no flatterer. He will throw a prince as soon as his groom.

- Jonson, Ben

If you be sick, your own thoughts make you sick

- Jonson, Ben

'Tis the common disease of all your musicians that they know no mean, to be entreated, either to begin or end.

- Jonson, Ben

We are persons of quality, I assure you, and women of fashion, and come to see and to be seen.

- Jonson, Ben

To speak and to speak well, are two things. A fool may talk, but a wise man speaks.

- Jonson, Ben

A new disease? I know not, new or old, but it may well be called poor mortals plague for, like a pestilence, it doth infect the houses of the brain till not a thought, or motion, in the mind, be free from the black poison of suspect.

- Jonson, Ben

O, for an engine, to keep back all clocks, or make the sun forget his motion!

- Jonson, Ben

Blueness doth express trueness.

- Jonson, Ben

All concord's born of contraries.

- Jonson, Ben

He threatens many that hath injured one.

- Jonson, Ben



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