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Joseph Rudyard Kipling (December 30, 1865 – January 18, 1936) was a British author and poet, born in India. He is best known for the children's story *The Jungle Book* (1894), the Indian spy novel *Kim* (1901), the poem "Gunga Din" (1892), and his many short stories.

Gentleman-rankers out on the spree, damned from here to Eternity.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Words are the most powerful drugs used by mankind.

- Kipling, Rudyard

And the end of the fight is a tombstone white with the name of the late deceased, and the epitaph drear: A Fool lies here who tried to hustle the East.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Take up the White Man's burden -- send forth the best ye breed -- go, bind your sons to exile to serve your captives need.

- Kipling, Rudyard

We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse.

- Kipling, Rudyard

I always prefer to believe the best of everybody -- it saves so much trouble.

- Kipling, Rudyard

All we have of freedom -- all we use or know -- this our fathers bought for us, long and long ago.

- Kipling, Rudyard

And that is called paying the Dane-geld; but we've proved it again and again, that if once you have paid him the Dane-geld you never get rid of the Dane.

- Kipling, Rudyard

There rise her timeless capitals of empires daily born, whose plinths are laid at midnight and whose streets are packed at morn; and here come tired youths and maids that feign to love or sin in tones like rusty razor blades to tunes like smitten tin.

- Kipling, Rudyard

But remember please, the Law by which we live, we are not built to comprehend a lie, we can neither love nor pity nor forgive. If you make a slip in handling us you die.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Everyone is more or less mad on one point.

- Kipling, Rudyard

I had six honest serving men. They taught me all I knew. Their names were: Where, What, When, Why, How and Who.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors.

- Kipling, Rudyard

When you're wounded and left on Afghanistan's plains, and the women come out to cut up what remains, jest roll to your rifle and blow out your brains and go to your gawd like a soldier.

- Kipling, Rudyard

A man's mind is wont to tell him more than seven watchmen sitting in a tower.

- Kipling, Rudyard

A people always ends by resembling its shadow.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Heaven grant us patience with a man in love.

- Kipling, Rudyard

All the people like us are We, and everyone else is They.

- Kipling, Rudyard

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they have gone, and so hold on when there is nothing in you. Except the Will which says to them;
Hold on!

- Kipling, Rudyard

God gives all men all earth to love, but since man's heart is small, ordains for each one spot shall prove beloved over all.

- Kipling, Rudyard

And the first rude sketch that the world had seen was joy to his mighty heart, till the Devil whispered behind the leaves It's pretty, but is it Art?

- Kipling, Rudyard

Never praise a sister to a sister in the hope of your compliments reaching her proper ears.

- Kipling, Rudyard

He wrapped himself in quotations -- as a beggar would enfold himself in the purple of Emperors.

- Kipling, Rudyard

For undemocratic reasons and for motives not of State, they arrive at their conclusions -- largely inarticulate. Being void of self-expression they confide their views to none; but sometimes in a smoking room, one learns why things were done.

- Kipling, Rudyard

For the sin they do by two and two they must pay for one by one.

- Kipling, Rudyard

'Tis beauty, so to speak, nor good talk necessarily. It's just IT. Some women will stay in a man's memory if they once walked down a street.

- Kipling, Rudyard

A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty.

- Kipling, Rudyard

For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.

- Kipling, Rudyard

If any question why we died, tell them, because our fathers lied.

- Kipling, Rudyard

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- Kipling, Rudyard

More men are killed by overwork than the importance of the world justifies.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Often and often afterwards, the beloved Aunt would ask me why I had never told anyone how I was being treated. Children tell little more than animals, for what comes to them they accept as eternally established.

- Kipling, Rudyard

The Three in One, the One in Three? Not so! To my own Gods I go. It may be they shall give me greater ease than your cold Christ and tangled Trinities.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Call a truce, then, to our labors -- let us feast with friends and neighbors, and be merry as the custom of our caste; for if faint and forced the laughter, and if sadness follow after, we are richer by one mocking Christmas past.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Four things greater than all things are, Women and Horses and Power and War.

- Kipling, Rudyard

A Nation spoke to a Nation, A Queen sent word to a Throne: Daughter am I in my mothers house, But mistress in my own. The gates are mine to open, As the gates are mine to

close,And I set my house in order,Said our Lady of the Snows.

- Kipling, Rudyard

Oh, its Tommy this, an Tommy that, an Tommy, go away;But its Thank you, Mister Atkins,
when the band begins to playThe band begins to play, my boys, the band begins to
play,Oh, its Thank you, Mister Atkins, when the band begins to play.

- Kipling, Rudyard



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