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Adversity makes men, and prosperity makes monsters.

- Hugo, Victor

When a woman is speaking to you, listen to what she says with her eyes.

- Hugo, Victor

Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved.

- Hugo, Victor

The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather in spite of ourselves.

- Hugo, Victor

I met in the street a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old, his coat worn, his cloak was out at the elbows, the water passed through his shoes -- and the stars through his soul.

- Hugo, Victor

There is one spectacle grander than the sea, that is the sky; there is one spectacle grander than the sky, that is the interior of the soul

- Hugo, Victor

Be as a bird perched on a frail branch that she feels bending beneath her, still she sings away all the same, knowing she has wings.

- Hugo, Victor

A brave little bird, probably a lover, was carolling in a distracted manner in a large tree.

- Hugo, Victor

There are instincts which respond to all the change meetings in life. The little girl was not afraid.

- Hugo, Victor

The most heart-breaking thing of all was, that this young girl had not come into the world to be homely. In her early childhood she must even have been pretty. The grace of her age was still struggling against the hideous, premature decrepitude of debauchery and poverty. The remains of beauty were dying away in that face of sixteen, like the pale sunlight which is extinguished under hideous clouds at dawn on a winter's day.

- Hugo, Victor

Nothing could be more melancholy than to see her sport about the room, and, so to speak, flit with the movements of a bird which is frightened by the daylight, or which has broken its wing. One felt that under other conditions of education and destiny, the gay and over-free mien of this young girl might have turned out sweet and charming. Never, even

among animals, does the creature born to be a dove change into an osprey. This is only to be seen among men.

- Hugo, Victor

When he was serious it was as if his face were carved from hickory or one of the other hardwoods. His eyes seemed a darker blue and somewhat withdrawn. But when he smiled, everything changed. The face softened into something wonderful. His eyes became like a...what? She couldn't think of an appropriate simile. Well, whatever they were like, she could get lost in them. That was something she had never experienced with James MacAllister.

- Lund, Gerald

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