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As you get older it is harder to have heroes, but it is sort of necessary.

- Hemingway, Ernest

That terrible mood of depression of whether it's any good or not is what is known as The Artist's Reward.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Don't you drink? I notice you speak slightingly of the bottle. I have drunk since I was fifteen and few things have given me more pleasure. When you work hard all day with your head and know you must work again the next day what else can change your ideas and make them run on a different plane like whisky? When you are cold and wet what else can warm you? Before an attack who can say anything that gives you the momentary well-being that rum does? The only time it isn't good for you is when you write or when you fight. You have to do that cold. But it always helps my shooting. Modern life, too, is often a mechanical oppression and liquor is the only mechanical relief.

- Hemingway, Ernest

My attitude toward punctuation is that it ought to be as conventional as possible. The game of golf would lose a good deal if croquet mallets and billiard cues were allowed on the putting green. You ought to be able to show that you can do it a good deal better than anyone else with the regular tools before you have a license to bring in your own improvements.

- Hemingway, Ernest

All my life I've looked at words as though I were seeing them for the first time.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words? He thinks I don't know the ten-dollar words. I know them all right. But there are older and simpler and better words, and those are the ones I use.

- Hemingway, Ernest

There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.

- Hemingway, Ernest

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