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In a dark time, the eye begins to see.

- Roethke, Theodore

The actual tragedies of life bear no relation to one's preconceived ideas. In the event, one is always bewildered by their simplicity, their grandeur of design, and by that element of the bizarre which seems inherent in them.

- Cocteau, Jean

What I am looking for is a blessing not in disguise.

- Collins, Kitty O'neill

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Every hardship; every joy; every temptation is a challenge of the spirit; that the human soul may prove itself. The great chain of necessity wherewith we are bound has divine significance; and nothing happens which has not some service in working out the sublime destiny of the human soul.

- Ford, Elias A.

The proof of gold is fire...

- Franklin, Benjamin

Forget the times of your distress, but never forget what they taught you.

- Gesser

Be still my heart; thou hast known worse than this.

- Homer

The harder you fall, the higher you bounce.

- Horton, Doug

Abuse a man unjustly, and you will make friends for him.

- Howe, Edgar Watson

Adversity makes men, and prosperity makes monsters.

- Hugo, Victor

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them.

- Irving, Washington

There is in every woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire which lies dormant in the broad daylight of prosperity, but which kindles up and beams and blazes in the dark hour of

adversity.

- Irving, Washington

I used to hurt so badly that I'd ask God why, what have I done to deserve any of this? I feel now He was preparing me for this, for the future. That's the way I see it.

- Jackson, Janet

Things don't go wrong and break your heart so you can become bitter and give up. They happen to break you down and build you up so you can be all that you were intended to be.

- Jones, Charles "Tremendous"

As iron put into the fire loseth its rust and becometh clearly red-hot, so he that wholly turneth himself unto God puts off all slothfulness, and is transformed into a new man.

- Kempis, Thomas

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever remains to them?

- Kennedy, Rose F.

Mishaps are like knives, that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or by the handle.

- Lowell, James Russell

Democracy give every man the right to be his own oppressor.

- Lowell, James Russell

Where one person shapes their life by precept and example, there are a thousand who have shaped it by impulse and circumstances.

- Lowell, James Russell

But I will be a bridegroom in my death, and run into a lover's bed.

- Shakespeare, William

All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity.

- Shakespeare, William

Thought are but dreams till their effects are tried.

- Shakespeare, William

Peace is the first thing the angels sang.

- Leo The Great

To love is to admire with the heart; to admire is to love with the mind.

- Gautier, Theophile

Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens it.

- Fuller, Thomas

Stop worrying -- nobody gets out of this world alive.

- James, Clive

Friendship is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of one another. -

- Budgell, Eustace

Oh! death will find me long before I tire of watching you.

- Brooke, Rupert

Time is all around in shrouds of endless goals, fast for happy hearts and slow for tortured souls

- Blum, Donald

If ones' word or promise need be reminded, then they are neither..

- Blum, Donald

As a rule, ones' apprehension causes more trauma than the event..

- Blum, Donald

Those who write clearly have readers, those who write obscurely have commentators.

- Lincoln, Abraham

It is not because angels are holier than men or devils that makes them angels, but because they do not expect holiness from one another, but from God only.

- Blake, William

Three can keep a secret if two are dead.

- Franklin, Benjamin

To keep your secret is wisdom; but to expect others to keep it is folly.

- Johnson, Samuel

Whoever wishes to keep a secret must hide the fact that he possesses one.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Men with secrets tend to be drawn to each other, not because they want to share what they know but because they need the company of the like-minded, the fellow afflicted.

- Delillo, Don

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Who we are never changes. Who we think we are does.

- Almanac, Mary S.

That's the risk you take if you change: that people you've been involved with won't like the new you. But other people who do will come along.

- Alther, Lisa

So long as a person is capable of self-renewal they are a living being.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything or nothing.

- Astor, Lady Nancy

Most of us are about as eager to be changed as we were to be born, and go through our changes in a similar state of shock.

- Baldwin, James

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

- Baldwin, James

When you're through changing, you're through.

- Barton, Bruce

The things that have come into being change continually. The man with a good memory remembers nothing because he forgets nothing.

- Bastos, Augusto Roa

If one desires a change, one must be that change before that change can take place.

- Bellin, Gita

Any change, even for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.

- Bennett, Arnold

To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly

- Bergson, Henri L.

There has never been a time when you and I have not existed, nor will there be a time when we will cease to exist. As the same person inhabits the body through childhood, youth, and old age, so too at the time of death he attains another body. The wise are not deluded by these changes.

- Bhagavad Gita

There is no new thing under the sun. [Ecclesiastes 1:9]

- Bible

The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance.

- Branden, Nathaniel

Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others.

- Braude, Jacob M.

You have the power to change.

- Brown, Les

We must all obey the great law of change. It is the most powerful law of nature.

- Burke, Edmund

Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.

- Burnett, Carol

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