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A physician can sometimes parry the scythe of death, but has no power over the sand in the hourglass.

- Thrale, Hester i

Creation destroys as it goes, throws down one tree for the rise of another. But ideal mankind would abolish death, multiply itself million upon million, rear up city upon city, save every parasite alive, until the accumulation of mere existence is swollen to a horror.

- Lawrence, D. H.

Love is not love until love's vulnerable.

- Roethke, Theodore

They do not love that do not show their love. The course of true love never did run smooth. Love is a familiar. Love is a devil. There is no evil angel but Love.

- Shakespeare, William

Freedom and love go together. Love is not a reaction. If I love you because you love me, that is mere trade, a thing to be bought in the market; it is not love. To love is not to ask anything in return, not even to feel that you are giving something- and it is only such love that can know freedom.

- Krishnamurti, Jiddu

People who are not in love fail to understand how an intelligent man can suffer because of a very ordinary woman. This is like being surprised that anyone should be stricken with cholera because of a creature so insignificant as the comma bacillus.

- Proust, Marcel

A man has only one escape from his old self: to see a different self in the mirror of some woman's eyes.

- Luce, Clare Boothe

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