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William Cowper was an 18th century British poet and philosopher.

Variety's the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavor.

-William Cowper

Ceremony leads her bigots forth, prepared to fight for shadows of no worth. While truths, on which eternal things depend, can hardly find a single friend.

-William Cowper

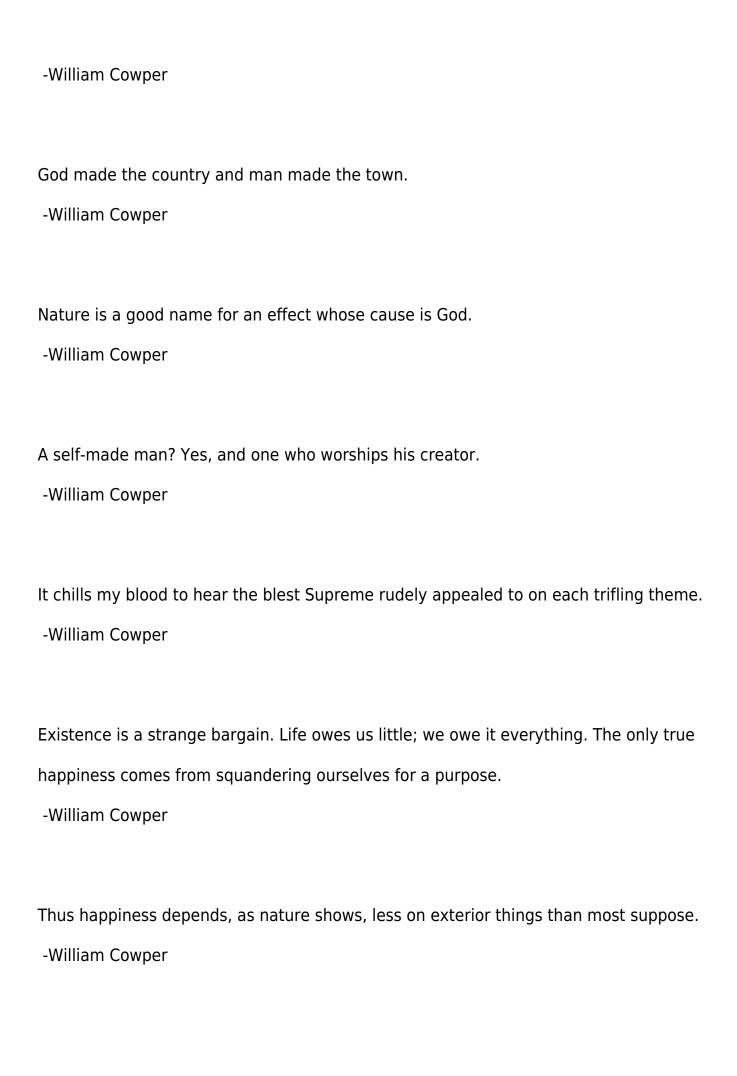
Candid and generous and just. Boys care but little whom they trust. An error soon corrected -- for who but learns in riper years. That man, when smoothest he appears, is most to be suspected?

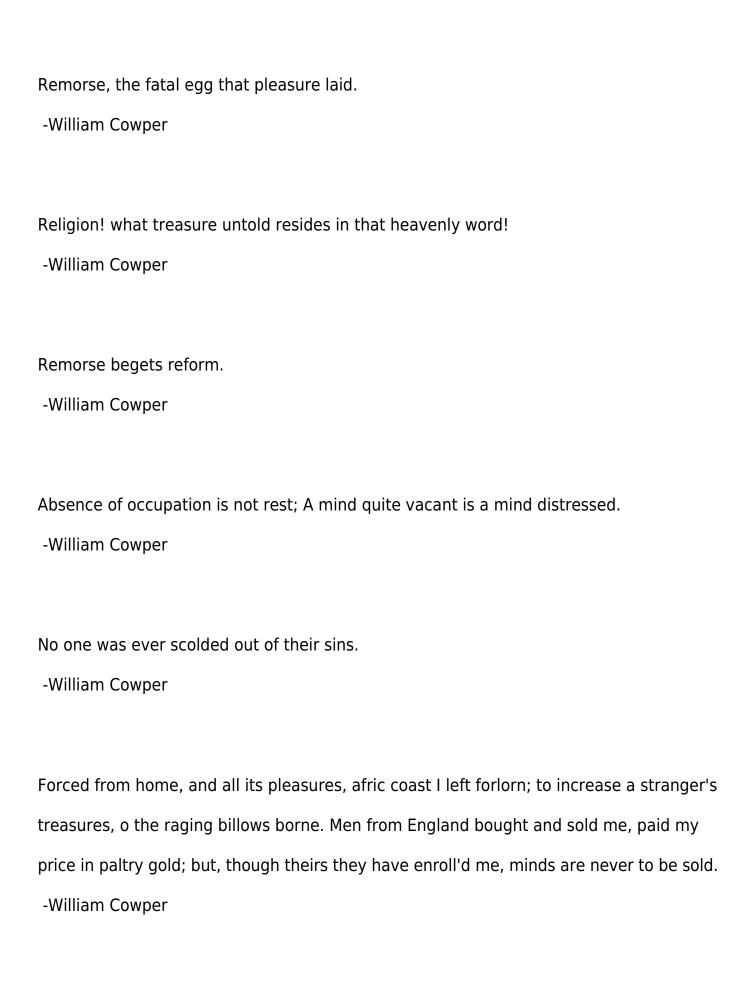
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A fretful temper will divide the closest knot that may be tied, by ceaseless sharp corrosion; a temper passionate and fierce may suddenly your joys disperse at one immense explosion.

-William Cowper

A life of ease is a difficult pursuit.





I pity them greatly, but I must be mum, for how could we do without sugar and rum?
-William Cowper

Oh to have a lodge in some vast wilderness. Where rumors of oppression and deceit, of unsuccessful and successful wars may never reach me anymore.

-William Cowper

The path of sorrow and that path alone, leads to a land where sorrow is unknown.

-William Cowper

Once more I would adopt the graver style -- a teacher should be sparing of his smile.

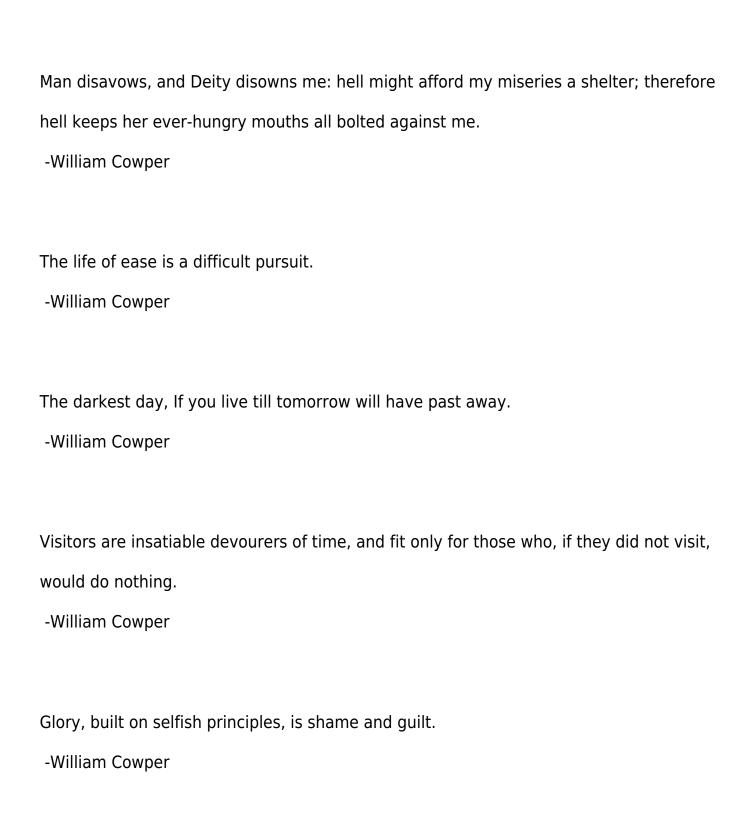
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Knowledge, a rude unprofitable mass, the mere materials with which wisdom builds, till smoothed and squared and fitted to its place, does but encumber whom it seems to enrich. Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

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The man that hails you Tom or Jack, and proves by thumps upon your back how he esteems your merit, is such a friend, that one had need be very much his friend indeed to pardon or to bear it.

-William Cowper

