

Something to Say

What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?

Robert Schaller

The eternal quest of the human being is to shatter his loneliness.

Norman Cousins

You need bruises to know blessings, and I have known both.

Frances Shand Kydd

The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.

G.K. Chesterton

To fall in love is to form a religion with a fallible God.

Jorge Borges

A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects.

Robert Heinlein

We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice – that is, until we have stopped saying, “It got lost,” and say, “I lost it.”

George Harris

If youth knew; if age could.

Henri Etienne

What man really wishes to do he will find a means of doing.

George Bernard Shaw

Let him that would move the world first move himself.

Socrates

A man is only as faithful as his options.

Chris Rock

If you're going through hell, keep going.

Winston Churchill

You can do anything in this world if you are prepared to take the consequences.

W. Somerset Maugham

Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the Great Mystery into which we are born.

Albert Einstein

The first forty years of life give us the text; the last thirty supply the commentary.

Arthur Schopenhauer

My mother said to me, "If you are a soldier, you will become a general. If you are a monk, you will become Pope." Instead I became a painter, and became Picasso.

Pablo Picasso

Until I saw Chardin's painting, I never realized how much beauty lay around me in my parents' house, in the half-cleared table, in the corner of a tablecloth left awry, in the knife beside the empty oyster shell.

Marcel Proust

So now he is a legend, when he would have preferred to be a man.

Jackie Kennedy on JFK

God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

Elbert Hubbard

Caring is a reflex. Someone slips, your arm goes out. A car is in the ditch, you join the others and push. You live, you help.

Ram Dass

Future times will hardly know how great a life / This simple stone commemorates – / The tradition of his Eloquence, his / Wisdom and his Wit may fade: / But he lived for ends more durable than fame.

Gravestone of James Louis Petigru

Either define the moment or the moment will define you.

Walt Whitman

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

Samuel Ullman

For all sad words of tongue and pen/The saddest are these: "It might have been!"

John Greenleaf Whittier

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn

Do not wait for a reason to be happy.

Mason Cooley

Morality is not properly the doctrine of how we may make ourselves happy, but how we may make ourselves worthy of happiness.

Immanuel Kant

Our will is always for our own good, but we do not always see what that is.

Jean Jacques Rosseau

I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.

Robert F. Kennedy