

BEST LOVE QUOTES

Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

--Unknown

I love you,
Not only for what you are,
But for what I am
When I am with you.

--Roy Croft

I'm not a naughty brat. I'm little and I'm still learning. I get overwhelmed and frustrated just like you do. Because nobody is perfect. Help me. Guide me. Love me.

—*The Learning Station*

You cannot touch love...but you can feel the sweetness that it pours into everything.

--Anne Sullivan

Love comes in at the eye.

--W. B. Yeats

Love is when you look into someone's eyes and see their heart.

—Jill Petty

Don't fall in love with the most beautiful girl;
Fall in love with the girl that makes your world the most beautiful.

—Unknown

Love is not something you feel. It's something you do.

—David Wilkerson

Of all ghosts, the ghosts of our old loves are the worst.

—Arthur Conan Doyle

You don't know what unconditional love is. You may say you do, but if you don't have a child, you don't know what that is. But when you experience it, it is the most fulfilling ever.

—Regina King

My first grandchild, Jordan, was born on January 30, 2011. I was jolted, blindsided by a wallop of loving more intense than anything I could remember or had ever imagined....This is what I didn't expect. I was at a time in my life where I'd assumed I had already had my best day, my tallest high. But now I was overwhelmed with euphoria. Why was she hitting with such a force? What explains this joy, this grandmother elation that is a new kind of love?

—Lesley Stahl

People who are sensible about love are incapable of it.

--Douglas Yates

I love you more than yesterday, less than tomorrow.

--Edmond Rostand

When we can't have what we love, we must love what we have.

--Roger de Bussy-Rabutin

A woman unsatisfied must have luxuries. But a woman who loves a man would sleep on a board.

--D. H. Lawrence

The most lonely place in the world is the human heart when love is absent.

--Sadie Alexander

Anyone can make you smile or cry, but it takes someone special to make you smile when you already have tears in your eyes.

--Unknown

What love we've given, we'll have forever. What love we fail to give, will be lost for all eternity.

—Leo Buscaglia

One day someone is going to hug you so tight that all of your broken pieces will stick back together.

—Unknown

Everyone says love hurts, but that is not true. Loneliness hurts. Rejection hurts. Losing someone hurts. Envy hurts. Everyone gets these things confused with love, but in reality love is the only thing in this world that covers up all pain and makes someone feel wonderful again. Love is the only thing in this world that does not hurt.

—Liam Neeson

I wish I could turn back the clock. I'd find you sooner and love you longer.

—*ilovemylsi.com*

The bottom line is that people are never perfect, but love can be....We waste time looking for the perfect lover, instead of creating the perfect love.

—Tom Robbins

When you look at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know.

—Mitch Albom

Love...flows downward. The love of parents for their children has always been far more powerful than that of children for their parents.

—Augustus Hare

No one who has ever brought up a child can doubt for a moment that love is literally the life-giving fluid of human existence.

--Dr. Smiley Blanton

To cease to be loved is for the child practically synonymous with ceasing to live.

--Dr. Karl Menninger

When you like a flower, you just pluck it. But when you love a flower, you water it daily.

—Buddha

I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me...I'm too busy loving the people who love me.

—Ged Backland

True love is when two people lower their standards just the right amount.

—*The Chive*

A life filled with love must have some thorns, but a life empty of love will have no roses.

—Unknown

There is always something left to love. And if you haven't learned that, you ain't learned nothing.

—Lorraine Hansberry

If equal affection cannot be,
Let the more loving one be me.

—W. H. Auden

Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.

--Mother Teresa

Love is spelled T-I-M-E. . . . You have to be with a child today to be in his or her memories tomorrow.

--Steffan T. Kraehmer

How then do you love each of your multiple children, *if* not the best or even *equally*?
The answer is, you love them *uniquely*.

--Marianne E. Neifert

Certain it is that there is no kind of affection so purely angelic as the love of a father to a daughter. He beholds her both with and without regard to her sex. In love to our wives, there is desire; to our sons, there is ambition; but in that to our daughters there is something which there are no words to express.

--Joseph Addison

We never know the love of the parent
till we become parents ourselves.
When we...bend over the cradle of our
own child, God throws back the temple
door, and reveals to us the sacredness
and mystery of a father's and a
mother's love.

--Henry Ward Beecher

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

--Harold S. Hulbert

When we cannot get what we love, we must love what is within our reach.

—French Proverb

As you put more emphasis on being a loving person, which is something you can control – and less emphasis on receiving love, which is something you can't control – you'll find that you have plenty of love in your life.

—Richard Carlson

Two people who were once very close can without blame or grand betrayal become strangers. Perhaps this is the saddest thing in the world.

—Warsan Shire

If you love somebody, you will have heaven even in a tent.

—Russian Proverb

In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.

—Paul McCartney

If your love is not producing things like peace and trust in your relationship, then it probably should not be called love.

—*lovingonpurpose.com*

Love thou the rose, yet leave it on its stem.

—Robert Bulwer-Lytton

I love you more than yesterday. Yesterday you got on my nerves.

—*www.bubhub.com.au*

There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation than for bread.

—Mother Teresa

I keep in my heart the love of the past,
for there it was planted forever to last.

—*botanicalpaperworks.com*

They do not love that do not show their love.

—William Shakespeare

Love and eggs are best when they are fresh.

—Assyrian Proverb

When you love someone, you love the whole person, just as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be.

—Leo Tolstoy

The best proof of love is trust.

--Joyce Brothers

True love doesn't come to you; it has to be inside you.

--Julia Roberts

Love and dignity cannot share the same abode.

--Ovid

Such short little lives our pets have to spend with us, and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home each day. It is amazing how much love and laughter they bring into our lives and even how much closer we become with each other because of them.

--John Grogan

He is not a lover who does not love forever.

--Euripides

The appalling thing is the degree of charity women are capable of. You see it all the time... love lavished on absolute fools. Love's a charity ward, you know.

—Lawrence Durrell

If we deny love that is given to us, if we refuse to give love because we fear pain or loss, then our lives will be empty, our loss greater.

--Margaret Weis

Friendship often ends in love; but love in friendship—never.

--Charles Caleb Colton

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.

--Henry Drummond

Love is pain--or something so close the difference is trivial. Think, man--any time you truly, selflessly loved someone, it caused you pain.

--Dr. Christopher
Knight II

As you get older, you realize it's work. It's that fine line between love and companionship. But passionate love? I'd love to know how to make that last.

--Tracey Ullman

There is only one real deprivation...and that is not to be able to give one's gifts to those one loves most.

--May Sarton

There are never enough *I Love You's*.

--Lenny Bruce

Love is staying awake all night with a sick child. Or a very healthy adult.
--David Frost

When love dies of starvation, it is usually the man's fault; when it dies of suffocation, it is always the woman's.
--Unknown

You don't have to deserve your mother's love. You have to deserve your father's. He is more particular.
--Robert Frost

I am nothing special; of this I am sure. I am a common man with common thoughts, and I've led a common life. There are no monuments dedicated to me, and my name will soon be forgotten, but I've loved another with all my heart and soul, and to me, this has always been enough.
--Nicholas Sparks

Never question whether to give love.
--Greg Henry Quinn

Each act of love is like a crumb of bread for the birds of winter. The offering is cheap to give and invaluable to receive.
--Greg Henry Quinn

Loved people are loving people.
--Ann Landers

Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.
--Jules Renard

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive.
--Gilda Radner

When love is satisfied, all its charm is gone.
--Pierre Corneille

Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.
--George Eliot

The magic of first love is our ignorance that it can ever end.
--Benjamin Disraeli

If you love something, set it free.
If it comes back to you, it is yours.
If it doesn't, it never was.

--Richard Bach

Love is the delusion that one woman differs from another.

--H. L. Mencken

Love is a ticklish sensation around the heart that can't be scratched!

--Unknown

Ideal love is a lie put forth by poets.

--Alphonse Daudet

Love conquers all.

--Virgil

The feeling of friendship is like that of being comfortably filled with roast beef; love,
like being enlivened with champagne.

--Samuel Johnson

The tragedy of love is indifference.

--Somerset Maugham

'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.

--Alfred, Lord Tennyson

True love is like ghosts, which everybody talks about and few have seen.

--La Rochefoucauld

Pleasure of love lasts but a moment,
Pain of love lasts a lifetime.

--Jean Pierre
Claris
de Florian

Love makes the time pass. Time makes love pass.

--French Proverb

Love built on beauty, soon as beauty, dies.

--John Donne

Love is shown in your deeds, not in your words.

—Fr. Jerome Cummings

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.

--Jean Anouilh

Love is the child of freedom, never that of domination.

--Erich Fromm

We receive love—from our children as well as others—not in proportion to our demands or sacrifices or needs, but roughly in proportion to our own capacity to love.

--Rollo May

The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough of is love.

--Henry Miller

Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold.

--Zelda Fitzgerald

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.

--Antoine de
Saint-Exupéry

The only abnormality is the incapacity to love.

--Anaïs Nin

Take away love, and our earth is a tomb.

--Robert Browning

One may have a blazing hearth in one's soul, and yet no one ever comes to sit by it.

--Vincent van Gogh

No one has ever loved anyone the way everyone wants to be loved.

--Mignon McLaughlin

The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather loved in spite of ourselves.

--Victor Hugo

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

--Theophile Gautier

Have you even been in love? Horrible, isn't it? It makes you so vulnerable. It opens your chest and it opens your heart and it means that someone can get up inside you and mess you up. You build up all these defenses. You build up this whole armor, for years, so nothing can hurt you, then one stupid person, no different from any other stupid person, wanders into your stupid life. You give them a piece of you. They don't ask for it. They do something dumb one day like kiss you or smile at you, and then your life isn't your own anymore. Love takes hostages. It gets inside you. It eats you out and leaves you crying in the darkness so a simple phrase like 'Maybe we should just be friends' or 'How very perceptive' turns into a glass splinter working it's way into your heart. It hurts. Not just in the imagination. Not just in the mind. It's a soul-hurt, a body-hurt, a real gets-inside-you-and-rips-you-apart pain. Nothing should be able to do that. Especially not love. I hate love.

—Rose Walker

The greatest love is a mother's, then a dog's, then a sweetheart's.

--Polish Proverb

A man falls in love through his eyes, a woman through her ears.

--Woodrow Wyatt

A dog is the only thing on this earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

--Josh Billings

The pleasures of the intellect are permanent, the pleasures of the heart are transitory.

--Henry David Thoreau

Hell is not to love anymore.

--Georges Bernanos

Life is so short, so fast the lone hours fly,
We ought to be together, you and I.

--Henry Alford

Let there be spaces in your Togetherness.

--Kahlil Gibran

Only little boys and old men sneer at love.

--Louis Auchincloss

And yet, a single night of universal love could save everything.

--Roland Giguere

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.

--Elizabeth Barrett
Browning

When things were as fine as could possibly be
I thought 'twas the spring; but alas it was she.

--John Byron

Let those love now who never loved before;
Let those who always loved, now love the more.

--Thomas Parnell

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.

--William Shakespeare

Love is the word used to label the sexual excitement of the young, the habituation of the middle-aged, and the mutual dependence of the old.

--John Ciardi

Things are beautiful if you love them.

--Jean Anouilh

He who loves the more is the inferior and must suffer.

--Thomas Mann

The porcupine, whom one must handle gloved,
May be respected, but is never loved.

--Arthur Guiterman

The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person.

--Vi Putnam

Happiness comes more from loving than being loved; and often when or affection seems wounded it is only our vanity bleeding. To love, and to be hurt often, and to love again—this is the brave and happy life.

--J. E. Buckrose

Love makes of the wisest man a fool, and of the most foolish woman, a sage.

--Moritz G. Saphir

The mark of a mature man is the ability to give love and receive it joyously and without guilt.

--Leo Baeck

We do not completely love those at whom we cannot smile.

--Andre Maurois

First learn to love yourself, and then you can love me.

--Saint Bernard of
Clairvaux

Love is a medicine for the sickness of the world; a prescription often given, too rarely taken.

--Karl Menninger

If I truly love one person I love all persons, I love the world, I love life. If I can say to somebody else, 'I love you,' I must be able to say, 'I love in you everybody, I love through you the world, I love in you also myself.'

--Erich Fromm

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

--*Matthew* 19:19

The pleasure of love is in loving. We are happier in the passion we feel than in that we inspire.

--Francois
La Rochefoucauld

Infantile love follows the principle: 'I love because I am loved.' Mature love follows the principle: 'I am loved because I love.' Immature love says: 'I love you because I need you.' Mature love says: 'I need you because I love you.'

--Erich Fromm

Love begets love.

--Robert Herrick

My bounty is as boundless as the sea,
My love as deep; the more I give to thee
The more I have, for both are infinite.

--William Shakespeare

All that is good and commendable now existing would continue to exist if all marriage laws were repealed tomorrow....I have an inalienable constitutional and natural right to love whom I may, to love as long or as short a period as I can, to change that love every day if I please!

--Victoria Claflin
Woodhull

You can love a person deeply and sincerely whom you do not like.
You can like a person passionately whom you do not love.

--Robert Hugh Benson

The great tragedy of life is not that men perish, but that they cease to love.

--W. Somerset Maugham

When you really want love you will find it waiting for you.

--Oscar Wilde

One makes mistakes: that is life. But it is never quite a mistake to have loved.

--Romain Rolland

Man is essentially alone and lonely, and from this isolation he cannot be saved by someone else but only by himself through the fact that he loves, that he belongs to another human being. This opening-up of ourselves is the great liberating function of love.

--Oswald Schwarz

Men love because they are afraid of themselves, afraid of the loneliness that lives in them, and need someone in whom they can lose themselves as smoke loses itself in the sky.

--V. F. Calverton

To love deeply in one direction makes us more loving in all others.

--Madame Swetchine

We never get to love by hate, least of all by self-hatred.

--Basil W. Maturin

They came to tell your faults to me,
They named them over one by one;
I laughed aloud when they were done,
I knew them all so well before;—
Oh, they were blind, too blind to see
Your faults had made me love you more.

--Sara Teasdale

If we judge of love by its usual effects, it resembles hatred more than friendship.
—La Rochefoucauld

What love is to man, music is to the arts and to mankind. Music is love itself,—it is the purest, most ethereal language of passion, showing in a thousand ways all possible changes of color and feeling.

--K. M. von Weber

You can't sing about love unless you know about it.

--Billy Eckstine

All our desires are contradictory....I want the person I love to love me. If, however, he is totally devoted to me he does not exist any longer and I cease to love him. And as long as he is not totally devoted to me I do not love him.

--Simone Weil

Some people profess to feel that love means understanding some other person finally and completely. That sounds to me like pretty dull business. In such a state how can two people converse? Each knows before hand just what the other is going to say.

--Heywood Broun

Of all forms of caution, caution in love is perhaps the most fatal to true happiness.

--Bertrand Russell

To be so beautiful, so alluring, that the man forgets all else and simply loves, that is what every woman wants, and whoever denies it is in error, or willfully lying.

--Georg Groddeck

To see a young couple loving each other is no wonder; but to see an old couple loving each other is the best sight of all.

--William Makepeace
Thackeray

War, hunting, and love have a thousand pains for one pleasure.
--Spanish Proverb

The unity that binds us together, that makes this earth a family, and all men
brothers...is love.
--Thomas Wolfe

Can we understand at all, ever, where we do not love?
--Sherwood Anderson

To be loved is the best way of being useful.
--French Proverb

Most people would rather get than give affection.
--Aristotle

Parrots, tortoises and redwoods
Live a longer life than men do,
Men a longer life than dogs do,
Dogs a longer life than love does.
--Edna St. Vincent Millay

To fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life are already three parts dead.
--Bertrand Russell

At the gate which suspicion enters, love goes out.
--Thomas Fuller

Blossoms are scattered by the wind and the wind cares nothing, but the blossoms of
the heart no wind can touch.
--Yoshida Kenko

Whatever makes an impression on the heart seems lovely in the eye.
--Sa'di

When married people don't get on they can separate, but if they're not married it's
impossible. It's a tie that only death can sever.
--W. Somerset Maugham

Jealousy is that pain which a man feels from the apprehension that he is not
equally beloved by the person whom he entirely loves.
--Joseph Addison

Where there is no jealousy there is no love.

--German Proverb

In jealousy there is more of self-love than love.

--La Rochefoucauld

The body is a house of many windows: there we all sit, showing ourselves and crying on the passers-by to come and love us.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

I don't want people to love me. It makes for obligations.

--Jean Anouilh

Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh.

--W. H. Auden

It is impossible to love and be wise.

--Francis Bacon

Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that.

— Michael Leunig

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

--*Song of Solomon* 8:7

When you love someone all your saved-up wishes start coming out.

--Elizabeth Bowen

The wish to lead out one's lover must be a tribal feeling; the wish to be seen as loved is part of one's self-respect.

--Elizabeth Bowen

We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh.

—Agnes Repplier

Whoso loves
Believes the impossible.

--Elizabeth Barrett
Browning

Love dies only when growth stops.

--Pearl S. Buck

The more violent the love, the more violent the anger.
--Burmese Proverb

Then fly betimes, for only they
Conquer Love that run away.
--Thomas Carew

Love is Nature's second sun.
--George Chapman

Sympathy constitutes friendship; but in love there is a sort of antipathy, or
opposing passion. Each strives to be the other, and both together make up
one whole.
--Samuel Taylor
Coleridge

Friendship often ends in love; but love in friendship—never.
--Charles Caleb Colton

To love a thing means wanting it to live.
--Confucius

Words are the weak support of cold indifference; love has no language to be heard.
--William Congreve

Never love with all your heart,
It only ends in aching.
--Countee Cullen

Unable are the Loved to die
For Love is Immortality.
--Emily Dickinson

Pains of love be sweeter far
Than all other pleasures are.
--John Dryden

Love is all we have, the only way
that each can help the other.
—Euripides

The Night has a thousand eyes,
And the Day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.
The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

—Francis William
Bourdillon

To love nothing is not to live; to love but feebly is to languish rather than live.
--Fenelon

Try to reason about love, and you will lose your reason.
--French Proverb

There is hardly any activity, any enterprise, which is started with such tremendous hopes and expectations, and yet which fails so regularly, as love.
--Erich Fromm

Love, the itch, and a cough cannot be hid.
--Thomas Fuller

There is more pleasure in loving than in being beloved.
--Thomas Fuller

A life without love, without the presence of the beloved, is nothing but a mere magic-lantern show. We draw out slide after slide, swiftly tiring of each, and pushing it back to make haste for the next.
--Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe

When one loves somebody, everything is clear—where to go, what to do—it all takes care of itself and one doesn't have to ask anybody about anything.
--Maxim Gorky

What is first love worth, except to prepare for a second?
What does second love bring? Only regret for the first.
--John Hay

Time, which strengthens friendship, weakens love.

--La Bruyère

We are not the same persons this year as last; nor are those we love. It is a happy chance if we, changing, continue to love a changed person.

--W. Somerset Maugham

Love is not always blind and there are few things that cause greater wretchedness than to love with all your heart someone who you know is unworthy of love.

--W. Somerset Maugham

Love is the emotion that a woman feels always for a poodle dog and sometimes for a man.

--George Jean Nathan

When a man is in love he endures more than at other times; he submits to everything.

--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

Love: A game of secret, cunning stratagems, in which only the fools who are fated to lose reveal their true aims or motives—even to themselves.

--Eugene O'Neill

If you'd be loved, be worthy to be loved.

--Ovid

Love fed fat soon turns to boredom.

--Ovid

There is need of variety in sex, but not in love.

--Theodor Reik

To be loved means to be consumed. To love is to give light with inexhaustible oil. To be loved is to pass away, to love is to endure.

--Rainer Maria Rilke

Love is something far more than desire for sexual intercourse; it is the principal means of escape from the loneliness which afflicts most men and women throughout the greater part of their lives.

--Bertrand Russell

Love does not cause suffering: what causes it is the sense of ownership, which is love's opposite.

--Saint-Exupéry

They do not love that do not show their love.

--William Shakespeare

Where there is love, there is pain.

--Spanish Proverb

Is it not by love alone that we succeed in penetrating to the very essence of a being?

--Igor Stravinsky

Love's gift cannot be given,
it waits to be accepted.

--Rabindranath Tagore

For you to ask advice on the rules of love is no better than to ask advice on the rules of madness.

--Terence

There is no remedy for love but to love more.

--Henry David Thoreau

The biggest of all differences in this world is between the ones that had or have pleasure in love and those that haven't and hadn't any pleasure in love, but just watched with sick envy.

--Tennessee Williams

It is obviously quite difficult to be no longer loved when we are still in love, but it is incomparably more painful to be loved when we ourselves no longer love.

--Georges Courteline

It is impossible to love a second time what we have really ceased to love.

--La Rochefoucauld

A mighty pain to love it is,
And 'tis a pain that pain to miss;
But of all pains, the greatest pain
It is to love, but love in vain.

--Abraham Cowley

When Love is suppressed Hate takes its place.

--Havelock Ellis

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; love illumines it.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Money has a power above
The stars and fate, to manage love:
Whose arrows, learned poets hold,
That never miss, are tipped with gold.

--Samuel Butler

Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.

--Kahlil Gibran

If we resist our passions, it is more on account of their weakness than of our own strength.

--La Rochefoucauld

One must learn to love, and go through a good deal of suffering to get to it, like any knight of the grail, and the journey is always towards the other soul, not away from it....To love you have to learn to understand the other, more than she understands herself, and to submit to her understanding of you. It is damnably difficult and painful, but it is the only thing which endures.

--D. H. Lawrence

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

--G. K. Chesterton

In lover's quarrels, the party that loves most is always most willing to acknowledge the greater fault.

—Sir Walter Scott

There are two sorts of affection—the love of a woman you respect, and the love for the woman you love.

--Arthur Wing Pinero

There are different kinds of love, but they have all the same aim: possession.

--Fran Lebowitz

Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.

--William Shakespeare

To love and win is the best thing; to love and lose the next best.

--William Makepeace
Thackeray

Nothing kills love like an overdose of it.

--Unknown

A woman who loves does not fear ridicule; a man in love knows no pride.

--Unknown

Woman never ceases loving a man until she finds another to replace him.

--Unknown

Women are happier in the love they inspire than in that which they feel; men are just the contrary.

—Edme-Pierre Chauvot
de Beauchène

Love consists in desiring to give what is our own to another and feeling his delight as our own.

--Emanuel Swedenborg

You are as prone to love as the sun is to shine; it being the most delightful and natural employment of the Soul of Man: without which you are dark and miserable. For certainly he that delights not in Love makes vain the universe, and is of necessity to himself the greatest burden.

--Thomas Traherne

Young men make great mistakes in life; for one thing, they idealize love too much.

--Benjamin Jowett

Until I truly loved, I was alone.

--Caroline Norton

We are all born for love; it is the principle of existence and its only end.

--Benjamin Disraeli

She who has never loved has never lived.

--John Gay

To live without loving is not really to live.

--Moliere

A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.

--Oscar Wilde

Let no man think he is loved by any when he loves none.

--Epictetus

A woman despises a man for loving her, unless she happens to return his love.

--Elizabeth Stoddard

With sincere lovers, reason can do nothing against desire.

--Gui d'Uisel

Anticipation is more delightful than realisation in love.

--Paulus Silentarius

There is no greater glory than love, nor any greater punishment than jealousy.

--Lope de Vega

Love is not ruled by reason.

--Moliere

The whole pleasure in love lies in the variety.

--Moliere

Love is often a consequence of marriage.

--Moliere

Through its joy love can cure evils, just as through its anger love can kill.

--Guilhem IX, Duke of
Aquitane

Love is nothing but the fear of mortal man at the thought of solitude.

--Theodor Storm

What they call love is nothing but yearning sorrow.

--Walther von der
Vogelweide

Love can do anything.

--St. Jerome

No life is harder than that of the lover on this earth.

--Propertius

To win lasting happiness in one mistress, one's heart must never be disengaged, one must never be free.

--Propertius

Fall in love? But with whom? It's not worth it just for a time!—and it's impossible to love for ever!

--Mikhail Lermontov

Love yields to business. If you seek a way out of love, be busy; you'll be safe then.

--Ovid

Love is more easily demonstrated than defined.

--Unknown

To love others makes us happy; to love ourselves makes us lonely.

--Proverb

Those whom we can love, we can hate; to others we are indifferent.

--Henry David Thoreau

The remedy for all blunders, the cure of blindness, the cure of crime, is love.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Love and War are the same thing, and stratagems and policy are as allowable in the one as in the other.

--Miguel de Cervantes

Who ever loved that loved not at first sight?

--Christopher Marlowe

Come live with me, and be my love;
And we will all the pleasures prove
That valleys, groves, hills, and fields,
Woods or steepy mountain yields.

--Christopher Marlowe

Never love unless you can
Bear with all the faults of man.

--Thomas Campion

There is no disguise which can for long conceal love where it exists or simulate it where it does not.

--La Rochefoucauld

The pleasure of love is in loving. We are happier in the passion we feel than in that we arouse.

--La Rochefoucauld

In their first passion women love their lovers; in the others they love love.

--La Rochefoucauld

If you love, you will suffer, and if you do not love, you do not know the meaning of a Christian life.

--Agatha Christie

Of all man's inborn dispositions there is none more heroic than the love in him. Everything else accepts defeat and dies, but love will fight no-love every inch of the way.

--Laurens Van der Post

For lovers, touch is metamorphosis. All the parts of their bodies seem to change, and they become something different and better.

--John Cheever

What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
It's the only thing that there's just too little of.

--Hal David

What is life without the radiance of love?

--Johann Christoph
Friedrich von
Schiller

Love is the whole history of a woman's life, it is but an episode in a man's.

--Madame de Staël

In her first passion woman loves her lover,
In all the others, all she loves is love.

--Lord Byron

To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.

--Alphonse de Lamartine

Love, like Death,
levels all ranks, and lays the shepherd's crook
Beside the scepter.

--Edward Bulwer-Lytton

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turn to thoughts of love.

--Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Love iz like the meazles; we kant have it bad but onst, and the later in life we have
it the tuffer it goes with us.

--Josh Billings

All's fair in love and war.

--Francis Edward
Smedley

In revenge and in love woman is more barbarous than man.

--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

Love is the state in which man sees things most widely different from what they
are. The force of illusion reaches its zenith here, as likewise the sweetening and
transfiguring power. When a man is in love he endures more than at other times; he
submits to everything.

--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say
that we are indispensable.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

It has ever been since time began, and ever will be, till time lose breath, that love is
a mood—no more—to man, and love to a woman is life or death.

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox

He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.

--Edwin Markham

Sometimes a woman's love of being loved gets the better of the conscience.
--Thomas Hardy

Love is...born with the pleasure of looking at each other, it is fed with the necessity of seeing each other, it is concluded with the impossibility of separation!
--Jose Marti

Love—a temporary insanity curable by marriage.
--Ambrose Bierce

'Nothing, so it seems to me,' said the stranger, 'is more beautiful than the love that has weathered the storms of life....The love of the young for the young, that is the beginning of life. But the love of the old for the old, that is the beginning of—of things longer.'
--Jerome Klapka Jerome

It is sad not to be loved, but it is much sadder not to be able to love.
--Miguel de Unamuno

Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.
--Robert Frost

The woman is increasingly aware that love alone can give her her full stature, just as the man begins to discern that spirit alone can endow his life with its highest meaning. Fundamentally, therefore, both seek a psychic relation one to the other, because love needs the spirit, and the spirit love, for their fulfillment.
--Carl Gustav Jung

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.
--Rainer Maria Rilke

Tell me if the lovers are losers...tell me if any get more than the lovers.
--Carl Sandburg

The power of a glance has been so much abused in love stories, that it has once to be disbelieved in. Few people dare now to say that two beings have fallen in love because they have looked at each other. Yet it is in this way that love begins, and in this way only. The rest is only the rest, and comes afterwards. Nothing is more real than these great shocks which two souls give each other in exchanging this spark.
--Victor Hugo

Where love rules, there is no will to power; and where power predominates, there love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other.

--Carl Gustav Jung

Love is blind.

--Geoffrey Chaucer

Love in young men, for the most part, is not love but simply sexual desire and its accomplishment is its end.

--Miguel de Cervantes

Love that is not madness is not love.

--Pedro Calderon de la
Barca

It is with true love as it is with ghosts; everyone talks of it, but few have seen it.

--La Rochefoucauld

Whoever really loves you will make you cry.

--Spanish Proverb

Security is when I'm very much in love with somebody extraordinary who loves me back.

--Shelley Winters

Selfish persons are incapable of loving others, but they are not capable of loving themselves either.

--Erich Fromm

Devils can be driven out of the heart by the touch of a hand on a hand, or a mouth on a mouth.

--Tennessee Williams

I love you and, because I love you, I would sooner have you hate me for telling you the truth than adore me for telling you lies.

--Pietro Aretino

The greatest pleasure of life is love.

--Euripides

It is possible that a man can be so changed by love as hardly to be recognized as the same person.

--Terence

No disguise can long conceal love where it is, nor feign it where it is not.

--Rochefoucauld

We never know how much one loves till we know how much he is willing to endure and suffer for us; and it is the suffering element that measures love.

--Henry Ward Beecher

The reason why lovers are never weary of one another is this—they are always talking of themselves.

--Rochefoucauld

Love, and you shall be loved. All love is mathematically just, as much as the two sides of an algebraic equation.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

If nobody loves you, be sure it is your own fault.

--Philip Doddridge

If there is anything better than to be loved, it is loving.

--Unknown

The heart is forever making the head its fool.

--François de La
Rochefoucauld

The heart has reasons that reason does not understand.

--Jacques Bénigne
Bossuel

Nothing is less in our power than the heart, and far from commanding we are forced to obey it.

--Jean Jacques Rousseau

The moment we indulge our affections, the earth is metamorphosed, there is no winter and no night; all tragedies, all ennui, vanish,—all duties even.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted.

--Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor.

--Eric Hoffer

The affections are like lightning: you cannot tell where they will strike till they have fallen.

--Jean Baptiste
Lacordaire

One who has no sense of being an object of love is seriously handicapped in making someone else an object of love.

--Howard Thurman

Love is or it ain't.
Thin love ain't love at all.

--Toni Morrison

The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough of is love.

--Henry Miller

In how many lives does Love really play a dominant part? The average taxpayer is no more capable of a 'grand passion' than of a grand opera.

--Israel Zangwill

Happiness comes more from loving than being loved; and often when our affection seems wounded it is only our vanity bleeding. To love, and to be hurt often, and to love again—this is the brave and happy life.

--J. E. Buckrose

If you cannot inspire a woman with love of you, fill her above the brim with love of herself; all that runs over will be yours.

--Charles Caleb Colton

No one can do me any good by loving me; I have more love than I need or could do any good with; but people do me good by making me love them—which isn't easy.

--John Ruskin

Every theory of love, from Plato down, teaches that each individual loves in the other sex what he lacks in himself.

--G. Stanley Hall

Love doesn't grow on the trees like apples in Eden—it's something you have to make and you must use your imagination to make it too, just like anything else. It's all work, work.

--Joyce Carey

From success you get a lot of things, but not that great inside thing that love brings you.

--Sam Goldwyn

Love, you know, seeks to make happy rather than to be happy.

--Ralph Connor

Friendship is love minus sex and plus reason. Love is friendship plus sex and minus reason.

--Mason Cooley

Love is the only thing that
we can carry with us when we go,
and it makes the end so easy.

--Louisa May Alcott

Let love be your greatest aim.

--*I Corinthians* 14:1

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

--Henry Drummond

Love has the power to reduce powerful, influential men to quivering chattel and brilliant, dynamic women to babbling, baby-talking simpletons.

--Dan L. Miller

Our lives are shaped by those who love us...by those who refuse to love us.

--John Powell

My love for you is the reason for my birth.

--Holly Near

Amid the gloom and travail of existence suddenly to behold a beautiful being, and as instantaneously to feel an overwhelming conviction that with that fair form for ever our destiny must be entwined...this is love!

--Benjamin Disraeli

Men always want to be a woman's first love. That is their clumsy vanity. We women have a more subtle instinct about things. What we like is to be a man's last romance.

--Oscar Wilde

Love lasteth as long as the money endureth.

--William Caxton

Years of love have been forgot
In the hatred of a minute.

--Edgar Allan Poe

He who for love hath undergone
The worst that can befall,
Is happier thousandfold than one
Who never loved at all.

--Richard Monckton
Milnes

Love, while you are able to love.

--Ferdinand Freiligrath

Where there is great love, there are always miracles.

--Willa Cather

Wisdom usually does not fall from high places. The mighty and the splendid have taught me little. I have learned more from my dog than from all the great books I have read. The wisdom of my dog is the product of his inability to conceal his wants. When he yearns to be loved, there is no pouting in the corner. There are no games entitled 'Guess what is the matter with me.' He puts his head on my lap, wags his tail and looks up at me with kind eyes, waiting to be petted. No professor or sage ever told me I might live a more successful life if I simply asked for love when I needed it.

--Gerry Spence

In love there is always one who kisses and one who offers the cheek.

--French Proverb

Life is a sweet and joyful thing for one who has some one to love.

--Leo Tolstoy

Life is one long process of getting tired.

--Samuel Butler

Can anyone remember love? It's like trying to summon up the smell of roses in a cellar. You might see a rose, but never the perfume.

—Arthur Miller

Love without knowledge and knowledge without love cannot produce a good life.

—Bertrand Russell

You are ice and fire; the touch of you burns my hands like snow.

—Amy Lowell

Wanting someone because of their beauty is not the same as love, it's infatuation. Wanting someone for their intelligence is not love, it's admiration. Wanting someone without knowing why is love.

—*exploringyourmind.com*

When you fall in love, the teams
of time call at oblivion.
Misery is full of miracles.
Fear turns into audacity
And death doesn't come out of its cave.
Falling in love is a free sign
A window that opens to a new tree
A feat of feelings
An almost unbearable bonanza
and an exercise against misfortune.
On the contrary, falling out of love
is seeing the body the way it is and not
the other face you invented.
It's returning poorer to the old riddle
and looking sadly in the mirror.

--Mario Benedetti

There are so many disciplines in being a parent besides the obvious ones like getting up in the night and putting up with the noise during the day. And almost the hardest of all is learning to be a well of affection and not a fountain, to show them we love them, not when *we* feel like it, but when they do.

--Nan Fairbrother

We receive love—from our children as well as others—not in proportion to our demands or sacrifices or needs, but roughly in proportion to our own capacity to love.

--Rollo May

Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we learn. The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and the acceptance of love back into our hearts.

--Marianne Williamson

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

--Mother Teresa

Many illnesses can be cured by the one medicine of love and compassion. These qualities are the source of human happiness and our need for them lies at the very core of our being.

--The Dalai Lama

Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved.

--Victor Hugo

Love is life...And if you miss love, you miss life.

--Leo Buscaglia

Love is the active concern for the life and growth of that which we love.

--Erich Fromm

Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.

--H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished.

--Og Mandino

To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others.

--François Mauriac

A man in love mistakes a pimple for a dimple.

--Japanese Proverb

It is best to love wisely, no doubt; but to love foolishly is better than not to be able to love at all.

--William Makepeace
Thackeray

The mistake we make is when we seek to be loved, instead of loving. What makes us cowardly is the fear of losing that love.

--Charlotte Yonge

In the degree that we love will we be loved.

--Ralph Waldo Trine

Love is friendship set on fire.

--Jeremy Taylor

There is nothing holier, in this life of ours,
than the first consciousness of love—
the first fluttering of its silken wings.

--Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

If you have it, you don't need to have anything else, and if you don't have it, it doesn't much matter what else you have.

--Sir James M. Barrie

Let no one who loves be called altogether unhappy.
Even love unreturned has its rainbow.

--James M. Barrie

Two souls with but a single thought,
Two hearts that beat as one.

--Von Munch
Bellinghausen

Absence is to love as wind is to fire;
It extinguishes the small and kindles the great.

--Roger de Bussy-Rabutin

When the satisfaction or the security of another person becomes as significant to one as one's own satisfaction or security, then the state of love exists....Under no other circumstances is a state of love present, regardless of the popular usage of the word.

--Harry Stack Sullivan

The art of love...is largely the art of persistence.

--Dr. Albert Ellis

Love is supreme and unconditional; like is nice but limited.

--Duke Ellington

We all suffer from the preoccupation that there exists...in the loved one, perfection.

--Sidney Poitier

Love at eighteen is largely an attempt to find out who we are by listening to our echoes in the words of another.

--Gail Sheehy

Love is the best, most insidious, most effective instrument of social repression.

--Rainer Werner
Fassbinder

The only abnormality is the incapacity to love.

--Anaïs Nin

Love is so much better when you are not married.

--Maria Callas

Love means never having to say you're sorry.

--Erich Segal

Love never makes demands. Love is unconditional acceptance of him and his feelings.

--Marabel Morgan

Love...is mutuality of devotion forever subduing the antagonisms inherent in divided functions.

--Erik Erickson

Love does not begin and end the way we seem to think it does. Love is a battle, love is a war, love is a growing up.

--James Baldwin

Love is like a friendship caught on fire. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce but still only light and flickering. As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable.

--Bruce Lee

A caress is better than a career.

--Elisabeth Marbury

A man will take any girl to bed, and it has nothing to do with any attraction for her or his love for his wife. A woman may like to think she is the same, that she is equal, but she's not, because when she loves her man, she'll be faithful to him. A woman's love for a man is greater than a man's love for a woman.

--Tom Jones

Love understands love; it needs no talk.

--Frances Ridley
Havergal

Love comforteth like sunshine after rain.

--William Shakespeare

No love, no friendship, can ever cross our path without affecting us in some way forever.

--François Mauriac

Kindness in giving creates love.

--Lao-Tse

Love is what you've been through with somebody.

--James Thurber

Love is being stupid together.

--Paul Valéry

Love is an obsessive delusion that is cured by marriage.

--Dr. Karl Bowman

Love teaches even asses to dance.

--French Proverb

Never forget that the most powerful force on earth is love.

--Nelson Rockefeller

Love is an ocean of emotions entirely surrounded by expenses.

--Sir James Dewar

The heaviest object in the world is the body of the woman you have ceased to love.

--Marquis de Luc de
Clapiers
Vauvenargues

Love is a grave mental disease.

--Plato

A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.

--Oscar Wilde

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.

--Mother Teresa

By the time you swear you're his,
Shivering and sighing,
And he vows his passion is
Infinite, undying—
Lady, make a note of this:
One of you is lying.

--Dorothy Parker

I'm not sure if a mental relation with a woman doesn't make it impossible to love her. To know the mind of a woman is to end in hating her. Love means the pre-cognitive flow...it is the honest state before the apple.

--D. H. Lawrence

A woman despises a man for loving her, unless she returns his love.

--Elizabeth Drew
Stoddard

It is better to be first with an ugly woman than the hundredth with a beauty.

--Pearl Buck

Man's love is of man's life a thing apart,
'Tis woman's whole existence.

--Lord Byron

Once a woman has given you her heart you can never get rid of the rest of her.

--John Vanbrugh

She who has never loved has never lived.

--John Gay

To men, love is an incident; to women a vocation. They live by and for their emotions.

--Denis Diderot

It is said there is no happiness, and no love to be compared to that which is felt for the first time. Most persons erroneously think so; but love like other arts requires experience, and terror and ignorance, on its first approach, prevent our feeling it as strongly as at a later period.

--Caroline Lamb

When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out the window.

--George Frederick Watts

All love has something of blindness in it, but the love of money especially.

—Sir Henry Craik

Though jealousy be produced by love, as ashes are by fire, yet jealousy extinguishes love as ashes smother the flame.

--Margaret of Navarre

There is nothing so strong as the force of love; there is no love so forcible as the love of an affectionate mother to her natural child.

--Elizabeth Grymeston

Love ceases to be a pleasure, when it ceases to be a secret.

--Aphra Behn

Not many people have ever died of love. But multitudes have perished, and are perishing every hour...for the lack of it.

--James Baldwin

Love is based on a view of women that is impossible to those who have had any experience with them.

--H. L. Mencken

He submits to be seen through a microscope, who suffers himself to be caught in a fit of passion.

--Johann Kaspar Lavater

Passion is the mob of the man, that commits a riot upon his reason.

--William Penn

To love is to place our happiness in the happiness of another.

--Gottfried Wilhelm von
Leibnitz

I love a hand that meets my own with a grasp that causes some sensation.
--Samuel Osgood

He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.
—Benjamin Franklin

I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.
--Henry Ward Beecher

We owe to the Middle Ages the two worst inventions of humanity—gunpowder and romantic love.
--André Maurois

Amid the gloom and travail of existence suddenly to behold a beautiful being, and as instantaneously to feel an overwhelming conviction that with that fair form for ever our destiny must be entwined...this is love!
--Benjamin Disraeli

Love flies, runs, and rejoices. It is free, and nothing can hold it back.
—Thomas a Kempis

Love lasteth as long as the money endureth.
--William Caxton

Listlessness and silence denote the lover.
--Horace

A woman either loves or hates; there is no third course.
--Publius Syrus

It is impossible to love and to be wise.
--Francis Bacon

One hour of right-down love
Is worth an age of dully living on.
--Aphra Behn

Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is as strong as death.
--*The Bible*

O what a heaven is love! O what a hell!
--Thomas Dekker

One word frees us of all the weight and pain in life. That word is love.

--Sophocles

Forgiveness is the final form of love.

--Reinhold Niebuhr

Everything that is created by love is above good and evil.

--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

How often do we change the whole course of our lives in pursuit of a love that we will have forgotten within a few months?

--Marcel Proust

Love - and I mean true love, real love - can cripple us. It can make us miserable, and even dangerous to those we love. It can make us jealous, clingy, overprotective, guilt-ridden, and even vengeful. But appreciation is pure. It's the kind of love that can let us step away, and even watch a loved one suffer, when suffering is what they need.

—Dan Baker

It is hard to imagine what some jealous men can make up their mind to and overlook, and what they can forgive! The jealous are the readiest of all to forgive, and all women know it. The jealous man can forgive extraordinarily quickly (though, of course, after a violent scene), and he is able to forgive infidelity almost conclusively proved, the very kisses and embraces he has seen, if only he can somehow be convinced that it has all been 'for the last time,' and that his rival will vanish from that day forward, will depart to the ends of the earth, or that he himself will carry her away somewhere, where that dreaded rival will not get near her. Of course the reconciliation is only for an hour. For, even if the rival did disappear next day, he would invent another one and would be jealous of him. And one might wonder what there was in a love that had to be so watched over, what a love could be worth that needed such strenuous guarding. But that the jealous will never understand. And yet among them are men of noble hearts. It is remarkable, too, that those very men of noble hearts, standing hidden in some cupboard, listening and spying, never feel the stings of conscience at that moment, anyway, though they understand clearly enough with their 'noble hearts' the shameful depths to which they have voluntarily sunk.

—Fyodor Dostoevsky

The only genuine love worthy of the name is unconditional.

--John Powell

Love is the only way to grasp another human being in the innermost core of his personality. No one can become fully aware of the very essence of another human being unless he loves him. By his love he is enabled to see the essential traits and features in the beloved person; and even more, he sees that which is potential in him, which is not yet actualized but yet ought to be actualized. Furthermore, by his love, the loving person enables the beloved person to actualize these potentialities. By making him aware of what he can be and of what he should become, he makes these potentialities come true.

—Viktor Frankl

Only God is love straight through.

--Thomas More

Love is a cunning weaver of fantasies and fables.

--Sappho

Love one another, but make not a bond of love. Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

--Kahlil Gibran

Love is what happens to men and women who don't know each other.

--William Somerset
Maugham

Love: An emotion experienced by the many and enjoyed by the few.

--George Jean Nathan

Love is the child of illusion and the parent of disillusion.

--Sam Levine

True love is very simple: you promise what you don't have, ask for what you can't possibly get, and then agree to live happily ever after.

--Bruce Dexter

The first sigh of love is the last of wisdom.

--Antoine Bret

People whom you love will come and go.

—Steve Salerno

Love consists in overestimating the difference between one woman and another.
--George Bernard Shaw

Perfect love sometimes does not come till the first grandchild.
--Welsh Proverb

There is a road from the eye to the heart that does not go through the intellect.
--Gilbert Keith
Chesterton

To cheat one's self out of love is the greatest deception of which there is no
reparation in either time or eternity.
--Søren Kierkegaard

There can be no peace of mind in love, since the advantage one has secured is never
anything but a fresh starting-point for further desires.
--Marcel Proust

That's the nature of women...not to love when we love them, and to love when we
love them not.
--Miguel de Cervantes

How can we communicate love? I think three things are involved: We must reach
out to a person, make contact. We must listen with the heart, be sensitive to the
other's needs. We must respond in a language that the person can understand.
Many of us do all the talking. We must learn to listen and to keep on listening.
--Princess Pale Moon

Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get—only what you are
expecting to give—which is everything. What you will receive in return varies.
But it really has no connection with what you give. You give because you love and
cannot help giving. If you are very lucky, you may be loved back. That is delicious
but it does not necessarily happen.
--Katharine Hepburn

The mystery of love is greater than the mystery of death.
—Oscar Wilde

Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes.
--Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Love: An agreement on the part of two people to overestimate each other.
--E. M. Cioran

There's no one, no one, loves you like yourself.

--Brendan Behan

Ultimately, love is self-approval.

--Sondra Ray

Love is the merest look, the lightest touch,
The thought almost too subtle too recall,
When love is deepest, words may be too much.

--Kathi Coolidge

Love is the emblem of eternity; it confounds all notion of time; effaces all memory of beginning, all fear of an end.

--Mme. de Staël

Passionate love at its most romantic and demanding has already the seeds of death in it....At best it changes and grows into friendship.

--May Sarton

Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

--Franklin P. Jones

Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished.

--Og Mandino

Those who are faithful know only the trivial side of love; it is the faithless who know love's tragedies.

--Oscar Wilde

The greater one's love for a person the less room for flattery. The proof of true love is to be unsparing in criticism.

--Molière

I know of only one duty, and that is to love.

--Albert Camus

Hell, Madame, is to love no longer.

--George Bernanos

To be able to say how much you love is to love but little.

--Petrarch

True love always makes a man better, no matter what woman inspires it.
--Alexandre Dumas

Work and love—these are the basics. Without them there is neurosis.
--Theodor Reik

Part of kindness is loving people more than they deserve.
--Joseph Joubert

He who is in love with himself has at least this advantage—he won't encounter many rivals.
--Georg Christoph
Lichtenberg

Self-love is the instrument of our preservation; it resembles that provision for the perpetuity of mankind; it is necessary, it is clear to us, it gives us pleasure, but we must conceal it.
--Voltaire

The joy of life is variety; the tenderest love requires to be renewed by intervals of absence.
--Samuel Johnson

What is commonly called love, namely the desire of satisfying a voracious appetite with a certain quantity of delicate white human flesh.
--Henry Fielding

Love conquers all things—except poverty and toothache.
--Mae West

When one is in love, a cliff becomes a meadow.
--Ethiopian Proverb

A vocabulary grounded in forgiveness. . . is the real foundation of love.
--Marita Golden

Men fall in love with what they see. Women fall in love with what they hear.
--Robert Van Lierop

Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young.
--Arthur Wing Pinero

Into the world of fears and hatreds we need to pour a double portion of the spirit of confidence in the power of love. 'Not peace at any price, but love at all costs.' All our problems today resolve themselves into the problem of learning to live together.

--Canon Peter Green

When a woman in love reaches a certain age, though her heart may cease to sing, her eyes remain veiled with gratitude.

--Colette

Love engenders jealousy, but jealousy kills love.

--Christina of Sweden

There is no wealth but love.

--Marie Corelli

Platonic love is an illusion; it does not exist in nature.

--Ninon de l'Enclos

If a man gives a woman wealth, it is only a proof of his generosity; but if he gives her his time, it is proof of his love.

--Ninon de l'Enclos

However dull a woman may be, she will understand all there is of love; however intelligent a man may be, he will never know but half of it.

--Madame Fée

The love of woman is supernatural. Man feels nothing like it. A woman will cling to a man who crucifies her—worse yet to a man who bores her.

--Yvette Guilbert

Half a love is better than none.

--Helen Rowland

One may love a second time, but the happiness of confiding one's whole soul, one can never find again.

--Madame de Staël

It is the illusion of all lovers to think themselves unique and their words immortal.

--Hans Suyin

No law is made for love.

—Mrs. Fitzherbert

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I love a people that have always made me welcome to the very best that they had.
I love a people who are honest without laws, who have no jails and no poorhouses.
I love a people who keep the commandments without ever having read or heard them preached from the pulpit.

I love a people who never swear or take the name of God in vain.

I love a people 'who love their neighbors as they love themselves'

I love a people who worship God without a Bible, for I believe that God loves them also.

I love a people whose religion is all the same, and who are free from religious animosities.

I love a people who have never raised a hand against me, or stolen my property, when there was no law to punish either.

I love and don't fear mankind where God has made and left them, for they are his children.

I love a people who have never fought a battle with the white man, except on their own ground.

I love a people who live and keep what is their own without lock and keys.

I love a people who do the best they can. And oh how I love a people who don't live for the love of money.

—George Catlin

Love is not in our choice, but in our fate.

--John Dryden

Nobody on earth loves more than I, because I love without being ashamed of the reason why I love.

--George Sand

Our life is composed of love, and not to love is not to live.

--George Sand

Whoever has loved knows all that life contains of sorrow and joy.

--George Sand

Women hope that the dead love may revive; but men know that of all dead things none is so past recall as a dead passion.

--Ouida

To be often in love shows a frivolous mind, but to be never in love shows a stupid one.

--Eleonora Duse

Friendship is like earthenware: once broken, it can be mended; love is like a mirror: once broken, that ends it.

--Josh Billings

The only chain that can bind love is an endless chain of compliments.

--Helen Rowland

Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but waits only to be provoked.

--Katherine Ann Porter

In men, desire begets love, and in women that love begets desire.

--Jonathan Swift

Love is not the dying moan of a distant violin—it is the triumphant twang of a bedspring.

--S. J. Perelman

Love—the delightful interval between meeting a beautiful girl and discovering that she looks like a haddock.

--John Barrymore

Love seems the swiftest but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married for a quarter of a century.

--Mark Twain

The only difference between love and insanity is in the duration of the disease.

--Unknown

We all enter the world with fairly simple needs: to be protected, to be nurtured, to be loved unconditionally, and to belong.

--Louise Hart

In life, actions speak louder than words, but in love, the eyes do.

--Evan Esar

We can only learn to love by loving.

--Iris Murdoch

Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.

--Robert Frost

As soon as you cannot keep anything from a woman, you love her.
--Paul G  raldy

A man's love thrives far better on the stimulant of suspense than on the anesthetic of memory.
--Helen Rowland

The love that lasts the longest is the love that is never returned.
--Somerset Maugham

In the cuisine of love there are flavors for all tastes—else ugly women would never be sought after.
--James G. Huneker

Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.
--Jules Renard

Love is an emotion that a woman always feels for a poodle, and sometimes for a man.
--George Jean Nathan

First love is a kind of vaccination that immunizes a man from catching the disease a second time.
--Honor   de Balzac

Love at first sight saves a lot of time and money.
--Unknown

Love is a mental disorder that makes a girl eager to give up seven hours in an office to slave fourteen hours in a house.
--Unknown

Love is the feeling that flatters your ego while it flattens your wallet
--Unknown

We have just enough religion
to make us hate one another,
but not enough to make us
love one another.
—Jonathan Swift

To women, love is an occupation; to men, a preoccupation.
--Lionel Strachey

Women often think that sex and love are the same thing. But they don't even have to go together.

—Virginia E. Johnson

Love is the effort a man makes to be satisfied with only one woman.

--Paul G raldy

Platonic love is love from the neck up.

--Thyra Samter Winslow

Time makes friendship stronger, but love weaker.

--La Bruy re

The puppy love of today leads to the doghouse of tomorrow.

--Evan Esar

It's the plain women who know about love. The beautiful women are too busy being fascinating.

--Katherine Hepburn

Love is a fever that ends with a yawn.

--Edgar Saltus

Love is the magician, the enchanter, that changes worthless things to joy, and makes right royal kings and queens of common clay. It is the perfume of that wondrous flower, the heart, and without that sacred passion, that divine swoon, we are less than beasts; but with it, earth is heaven, and we are gods.

--Robert G. Ingersoll

Love is an attempt to change a piece of a dream-world into reality.

--Theodor Reik

Love: It comes in at the eyes and subdues the body. An army with banners.

--Louise Bogan

Having someone wonder where you are when you don't come home at night is a very old human need.

--Margaret Mead

The mark of a true crush (whether the object is man, woman or city) is that you fall in love first and grope for reasons afterward.

--Shana Alexander

Love is so misused a word. I don't even know what it means, do you? What is it: compassion, *caritas*, pity? In any case, it has nothing to do with lust, and the mixing up of the two is one of the reasons we're in such trouble emotionally.

--Gore Vidal

A woman in love never takes advice.

--Rosamond Marshall

Love protects you from age.

--Jeanne Moreau

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.

--Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe

Love is unconditional commitment to an imperfect person.

--*happywivesclub.com*

Love is like a virus. It can happen to anybody at any time.

--Maya Angelou

I love you, I love you,
I love you, I do.
But don't get excited,
I love monkeys, too.

--Unknown

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

--Benjamin Franklin

It seemed impossible to me that love could evaporate like dew on a summer lawn. If love didn't stick around, then what did?

--Barbara Hall

That's just how true love happens. It isn't a thing you decide. It suddenly gets you in its power and you can't escape.

--Bernard Miles

I know now that you can't expect anything from anybody. If somebody loves you, it's because he wants to. And it's never because it's what he's supposed to do.

--Cynthia Rylant

Do you think love, real love, is ever a mistake?

--Sylvia Peck

Flowers are love's truest language.

—Park Benjamin

Heaven grant us patience with a man in love.

—Rudyard Kipling

To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others.

--François Mauriac

Love and time—those are the only two things in all the world and all of life that cannot be bought, but only spent.

--Gary Jennings

Love is a severe mental disorder.

--Plato

You can't buy love, but you can pay heavily for it.

--Henny Youngman

Perhaps they were right in putting love into books...perhaps it could not live anywhere else.

--William Faulkner

During my youth love will be my teacher;
In middle age, my help and in old age, my delight.

--Kahlil Gibran

Put love first. Entertain thoughts that give life. And when a thought of resentment, or hurt, or fear comes your way, have another thought that is more powerful—a thought that is love.

--Mary Manin Morrissey

Love cures people—both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it.

--Karl Menninger

Spread love everywhere you go;
first of all, in your own house.

--Mother Teresa

The willingness to sacrifice things is the index to real love.

--Peggy Hopkins Joyce

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

--David Viscott

The moment you have in your heart this extraordinary thing called love and feel the depth, the delight, the ecstasy of it, you will discover that for you the world is transformed.

--I. Krishnamurti

So much of what we know of love we learn at home.

--Unknown

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

--William Ewart
Gladstone

What is the difference between herpes and true love?—Herpes lasts forever.

--Unknown

A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple of days.

--Tim Allen

Love's like the measles - all the worse when it comes late in life.

--Douglas William
Jerrold

Romantic love is mental illness. But it's a pleasurable one. It's a drug. It distorts reality, and that's the point of it. It would be impossible to fall in love with someone that you really saw.

--Fran Lebowitz

Money can't buy love, but it improves your bargaining position.

--Christopher Marlowe

It is probably not love that makes the world go around, but rather those mutually supportive alliances through which partners recognize their dependence on each other for the achievement of shared and private goals.

--Fred Allen

I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox.
--Woody Allen

Tell me whom you love, and I will tell you who you are.
--Houssaye

No one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
--Andy Rooney

In itself, homosexuality is as limiting as heterosexuality: the ideal should be to be capable of loving a woman or a man; either, a human being, without feeling fear, restraint, or obligation.
--Simone de Beauvoir

Knowledge of what you love somehow comes to you; you don't have to read nor analyze nor study. If you love a thing enough, knowledge of it seeps into you, with particulars more real than any chart can furnish.
--Jessamyn West

Love is the most durable power in the world. Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Falling in love consists merely in uncorking the imagination and bottling the common sense.
--Helen Rowland

I'll buy you a diamond ring my friend if it makes you feel alright
I'll get you anything my friend if it makes you feel alright
Cos I don't care too much for money, and money can't buy me love
I'll give you all I got to give if you say you'll love me too
I may not have a lot to give but what I got I'll give to you
I don't care too much for money, money can't buy me love
Can't buy me love, everybody tells me so
Can't buy me love, no no no, no
Say you don't need no diamond ring and I'll be satisfied
Tell me that you want the kind of thing that money just can't buy
I don't care too much for money, money can't buy me love
—The Beatles

Love, like a chicken salad or restaurant hash, must be taken with blind faith or it loses its flavor.
--Helen Rowland

One is very crazy when in love.

--Sigmund Freud

That's what real love amounts to—letting a person be what he really is. Most people love you for who you pretend to be. To keep their love, you keep pretending—performing. You get to love your pretense. It's true, we're locked in an image, an act.

--Jim Morrison

Love comes unseen; we only see it go.

--Austin Dobson

We'll love you just the way you are if you're perfect.

--Alanis Morissette

There are different types of love, and my love for my child is like me and my mum. We've gone through a lot of rocky patches, but we never stop loving.

--Tracey Ullman

If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you.

--A. A. Milne

Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.

--George Eliot

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

--*John* 15:13

The measure of one's love is what one is willing to give up for it.

--Geoffrey Fielding from
*Pandora and the
Flying Dutchman*

The spaces between your fingers were created so that another's could fill them in.

--Unknown

We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

--Angelina Jolie

If you can't get someone off your mind, they are probably supposed to be there.

--Unknown

Meeting you was fate, becoming your friend was a choice, but falling in love with you was beyond my control.

--Unknown

Sometimes people put up walls, not to keep others out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.

--Banana Yoshimoto

The worst feeling you'll ever feel is sitting next to the person who means the world to you knowing that you mean nothing to them.

--Unknown

Love is giving someone the power to destroy you...but trusting them not to.

--Unknown

Sitting next to you doing absolutely nothing, means absolutely everything to me.

--Unknown

If you truly love someone, then the only thing you want for them is to be happy....even if it's not with you.

--Unknown

Sex follows love, it never precedes it.

--Sophia Loren

There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved.

--George Sand

For one human being to love another; that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks; the ultimate, the last test and proof; the work for which all other work is but preparation.

--Rainer Maria Rilke

Where there is love there is life.

—Mahatma Gandhi

Each moment of a happy love's hour is worth an age of dull and common life.

--Aphra Behn

To love another person is to see the face of God.

--Victor Hugo

Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition.
--Alexander Smith

When you love someone, you do not love them all the time, in exactly the same way, from moment to moment. It is an impossibility. It is even a lie to pretend to. And yet this is exactly what most of us demand. We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships. We leap at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb. We are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanency, on duration, on continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity - in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern.

The only real security is not in owning or possessing, not in demanding or expecting, not in hoping, even. Security in a relationship lies neither in looking back to what was in nostalgia, nor forward to what it might be in dread or anticipation, but living in the present relationship and accepting it as it is now. Relationships must be like islands, one must accept them for what they are here and now, within their limits - islands, surrounded and interrupted by the sea, and continually visited and abandoned by the tides.

--Anne Morrow
Lindbergh

Don't forget to love yourself.

--Soren Kierkegaard

A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.

--Ingrid Bergman

Tell me who admires and loves you, and I will tell you who you are.

--Charles Augustin
Sainte-Beauve

Those that go searching for love only make manifest their own lovelessness, and the loveless never find love, only the loving find love, and they never have to seek it.

—D. H. Lawrence

We all want to fall in love. Why? Because that experience makes us feel completely alive. Where every sense is heightened, every emotion is magnified, our everyday reality is shattered and we are flying into the heavens. It may only last a moment, an hour, an afternoon. But that doesn't diminish its value, because we are left with memories that we treasure for the rest of our lives.

--Niall Ó Dónaill

It is easy to love people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start.

--Mother Theresa

The first duty of love is to listen.

--Paul Tillich

When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not your brain.

--Mark Twain

The magic of first love is our ignorance that it can never end.

--Benjamin Disraeli

Sex addiction isn't really about sex. It's about 'being wanted.'

--Robert Weiss

[For sex addiction.] 'I matter right now. In this moment, I am loved.'

--Steven Luff

If your heart is open, love will always find its way in.

--Jane Seymour

Anyone can make you happy by doing something special, but only someone special can make you happy without doing anything.

--*dailyinspirationalquotes.in*

Love happens, like age or weather.

--Emma Donoghue

Love is a battlefield.

--Pat Benatar

Happiness is love.

--George Vaillant

A man in love is like a clipped coupon—it's time to cash in.

--Mae West

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

--Unknown

Love is the same as like except you feel sexier.

--Judith Viorst

It's very difficult to judge relationships from the outside. You never know what happens in intimate moments with two people to know why they really support and love each other.

--Eric Braeden

Love will make a way out of no way.

--Lynda Barry

In a full heart there is room for everything, and in an empty heart there is room for nothing.

--Antonio Porchia

Women want love to be a novel, men a short story.

--Daphne du Maurier

We can recognize the dawn and the decline of love by the uneasiness we feel when alone together.

--Jean de la Bruyere

And ever has it been known that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.

--Kahlil Gibran

The Eskimo has fifty-two names for snow because it is important to them; there ought to be as many for love.

--Margaret Atwood

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

--William Wordsworth

All love that has not friendship for its base, is like a mansion built upon the sand.

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Love's an excuse to get hurt.

--Conor Oberst

To love at all is to be vulnerable.

--C. S. Lewis

A man falls in love through his eyes, a woman through her ears.

--Woodrow Wyatt

I loved you in the morning, our kisses deep and warm.
Your hair upon the pillow like a sleepy golden storm.
Yes, many loved before us, I know that we are not new.
In city and in forest, they smiled like me and you.
But now it's come to distances and both of us must try.
Your eyes are soft with sorrow.
Hey, that's no way to say goodbye.

--Leonard Cohen

Don't knock masturbation. It's sex with someone I love.

--Woody Allen

The advantage of being eighty years old is that one has had many people to love.

--Jean Reno

Love grows by giving. The love we give away is the only love we keep. The only way to retain love is to give it away.

--Elbert Hubbard

The reason I love my dog so much is because when I come home, he's the only one in the world who treats me like I'm The Beatles.

--Bill Maher

It is much more secure to be feared than to be loved.

--Niccolo Machiavelli

Falling in love—you should go with it, regardless of whether or not your heart gets smashed. You'll be a better person.

--Sandra Bullock

All you need in the world is love and laughter. That's all anybody needs. To have love in one hand and laughter in the other.

--August Wilson

Love is a fraud perpetrated by the female sex.

--William S. Burroughs

Having blown up my own long-term marriage via an extramarital affair, followed by a traumatic divorce, I tend to think of love as less a gently glowing hearth than a set of flaming train tracks you strap yourself onto.

--Sandra Tsing Loh

The highest function of love is that it makes the loved one a unique and irreplaceable being.

--Tom Robbins

The practice mirror is to be used for the correction of faults, not for a love affair, and the figure you watch should not become your dearest friend.

--Agnes de Mille

To be loved is important as is having a sense of accomplishment but to love is equally important in life especially when it is combined with taking action to do something for someone else to make their life better.

--Richard Kiel

Love begets love.
Love knows no rules.
This is same for all.

--Virgil

To plant a seed in one's heart...
To root it in love...
To nourish it with time spent together...
Yields a blossom
that will flourish forever.

--Unknown

To fall in love is awfully simple, but to fall out of love is simply awful.

--Bess Myerson

Love is the most terrible, and also the most generous of the passions; it is the only one which includes in its dreams the happiness of someone else.

--Alphonse Karr

You know, all that really matters is that the people you love are happy and healthy. Everything else is just sprinkles on the sundae.

--Paul Walker

The flame of anger, bright and brief, sharpens the barb of love.

--Walter Savage Landor

It is as absurd to say that a man can't love one woman all the time as it is to say that a violinist needs several violins to play the same piece of music.

--Honore de Balzac

Absence from whom we love is worse than death, and frustrates hope severer than despair.

--William Cowper

Intense love does not measure, it just gives.

--Mother Teresa

Love is a thing that is full of cares and fears.

--Ovid

If Jack's in love, he's no judge of Jill's beauty.

--Benjamin Franklin

Romance: Kind and loving behavior towards your spouse or partner, such as bringing home flowers, remembering her birthday, and saying 'excuse me' when farting during dinner.

--Joshua Piven, David
Borgenicht, and
Ben H. Winters

Of all the intangible emotions and states of mind experienced by man, love is by far the easiest to explain. Love is simply liking another person very very very very very very much. That's it. But you would not believe how much time and effort poets, painters, philosophers, songwriters and (most unfortunately) teenagers expend trying to express this unbelievably basic feeling.

--*Earth (The Book) A
Visitor's Guide to
the Human Race*

Unless you love someone, nothing else makes any sense.

--e. e. cummings

Love is like war: easy to begin but very hard to stop.

—H. L. Mencken

Love is a game in which one always cheats.

--Honore de Balzac

Love is only the game that is not called on account of darkness.

--Thomas Carlyle

The heart is forever making the head its fool.

--Francois de La
Rochefoucauld

You can't sing about love unless you know about it.

--Billy Eckstine

True love is not rare at the age of a teen, but recognizing it as true love is.

--Brad Bell

Love is always a stranger in the house of avarice.

--Andreas Capellanus

Love is what you've been through with somebody.

--James Thurber

Poets are the only people to whom love is not only a crucial, but an indispensable experience, which entitles them to mistake it for a universal one.

--Hannah Arendt

Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

—Dali Lama

Trouble is part of your life. If you don't share it, you don't give the person who loves you a chance to love you enough.

—Dinah Shore

Dance like nobody's watching. Love like it's never going to hurt.

—Anne Wells

We never love a person, but only qualities.

—Blaise Pascal

You say that love is nonsense. I tell you it is no such thing. For weeks and months it is a steady physical pain, an ache about the heart, never leaving one, by night or by day a long strain on one's nerves like toothache or rheumatism, not intolerable at any one instant, but exhausting by its steady drain on the strength.

—Henry Adams

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

—Helen Keller

The greatest degree of inner tranquility comes from the development of love and compassion. The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater is our own sense of well-being.

—Tenzin Gyatso

I think... if it is true that
there are as many minds as there
are heads, then there are as many
kinds of love as there are hearts.

—Leo Tolstoy

Respect was invented to cover the empty place where love should be.

—Leo Tolstoy

It's hard to love a woman and do anything.

—Leo Tolstoy

Our first and last love is self-love.

—Christian Nestell
Bovee

When you love someone, all your saved up wishes start coming out.

—Elizabeth Bowen

Human love has little regard for the truth. It makes the truth relative, since nothing, not even the truth, must come between it and the beloved person.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The lover says 'How beautiful you are, now that you love me.'

—Marlene Dietrich

Absence is to love as wind is to fire;
It extinguishes the small and kindles the great.

--Roger de Bussy-Rabutin

One is loved because one is loved. No reason is needed for loving.

—Paulo Coelho

Love is as much of a competition as anything. If you don't think so, you're either losing the game or you're not playing.

—Chris Harrison

Don't ever think I fell for you, or fell over you. I didn't fall in love, I rose in it. I saw you and made up my mind. My mind.

—Toni Morrison

However rare true love may be, it is less so than true friendship.

—Francois de La
Rochefoucauld

Friendship often ends in love; but love in friendship—never.

—Charles Caleb Colton

The whole idea of love is scary—so is being with someone for the rest of your life and being happy with them for the rest of your life. There's lots of research to suggest that, actually, love's not really that simple.

—Aziz Ansari

'Will you love me when I'm old and ugly?'

'Darling, of course I do.'

—Unknown

Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life.

—Leo Buscaglia

I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate—it's apathy. It's not giving a damn.

—Leo Buscaglia

Love is always bestowed as a gift - freely, willingly and without expectation. We don't love to be loved; we love to love.

—Leo Buscaglia

Hatred does not cease through hatred at any time. Hatred ceases through love. This is an unalterable law.

—Buddha

Love is anterior to life, posterior to death, initial of creation, and the exponent of breath.

—Emily Dickinson

Jesus said love one another. He didn't say love the whole world.

—Mother Teresa

I'd like to talk to you about the sausage principle. The theory that says, 'If you love something, never find out how it was made.'

—John Oliver

Love yourself first and everything else falls into line.

—Lucille Ball

Life is a game and true love is a trophy.

—Rufus Wainwright

In comparison with a loving human being, everything else is worthless.

—Hugh MacLennan

Your duty is to treat everybody with love as a manifestation of the Lord.

—Swami Sivananda

There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved: It is God's finger on man's shoulder.

—Charles Morgan

Love is blind but marriage is an eye-opener.

—Unknown

The crime of loving is forgetting.

—Maurice Chevalier

Do you love me because I'm beautiful, or am I beautiful because you love me?

—Oscar Hammerstein II

Loving can cost a lot but not loving always costs more, and those who fear to love often find that want of love is an emptiness that robs the joy from life.

—Merle Shain

With love later in life, you don't feel the anxiety you felt when you were younger. It's more vibrant, and it becomes truly about companionship.

—Candice Bergen

True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked.

—Erich Segal

Love is just a beast that you feed all through the night, and when the morning comes, love dies.

—Greta Garbo in
Romance

This I will remember,
When the rest of life is through:
The finest thing I've ever done
Is simply loving you.

—Robert Sexton

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

--*Irish Headstone*

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

We are all born for love. It is the principle of existence, and its only end.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.

—William Shakespeare

The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains.

—Josephine Baker

Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible—it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession could.

—Barbara de Angelis

The lonely heart is a vulnerable heart.

—Doug Shadel

Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, it's what you are expected to give -- which is everything.

—Unknown

Love is seeing without eyes, hearing without ears; hatred is nothing.
—Doug Horton

In order to create there must be a dynamic force, and what force is more potent than love?
—Igor Stravinsky

What is it that love does to a woman? Without she only sleeps; with it alone, she lives.
—Ovid

The important thing was to love rather than to be loved.
—W. Somerset Maugham

Absence - that common cure of love.
—Lord Byron

Friendship may, and often does, grow into love, but love never subsides into friendship.
—Lord Byron

Love rules without rules.
—Italian Proverb

It's easy to halve the potato where there's love.
—Irish Proverb

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.
—Oscar Wilde

There is no limit to the power of loving.
—John Morton

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body Friendship often ends in love; but love in friendship - never.
—Charles Caleb Colton

To be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
—*I Corinthians 13:1-3*

Where love rules, there is no will to power; and where power predominates, there love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other.

—Carl Jung

Loved. You can't use it in the past tense. Death does not stop that love at all.

—Ken Kesey

Love is the poetry of the senses.

—Honore de Balzac

Love is a fire. But whether it is going to warm your hearth or burn down your house, you can never tell.

—Joan Crawford

I find the best way to love someone is not to change them, but instead, help them reveal the greatest version of themselves.

—Steve Maraboli

I love you the more in that I believe you had liked me for my own sake and for nothing else.

—John Keats

There is nothing better for the spirit or the body than a love affair. It elevates the thoughts and flattens the stomachs.

—Barbara Howar

Honesty does not always bring a response of love, but it is absolutely essential to it.

—Ray Blanton

Love is the strange bewilderment that overtakes one person on account of another person.

—James Thurber

One can not love without opening oneself, and opening oneself, that's taking the risk of suffering. One does not have control.

—Isabelle Adjani

If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever.

—Winnie the Pooh

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

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We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

The meaning of life... I think the meaning of life is, I think it's love.

—Julie Benz

True love is night jasmine, a diamond in darkness, the heartbeat no cardiologist has ever heard. It is the most common of miracles, fashioned of fleecy clouds, a handful of stars tossed into the night sky.

—Jim Bishop

Love is so short, forgetting is so long.

—Pablo Neruda

The road to true love never did run smooth.

—Shakespeare

Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh.

—W. H. Auden

Being someone's first love is great. But to be their last is priceless.

—Unknown

Everything we do in life is based on fear, especially love.

—Mel Brooks

'True love' isn't so much a dreamy feeling that you have as it is an enduring commitment to give sacrificially --even, or perhaps especially, when you don't feel like it.

—William R. Mattox, Jr.

Although Freud said happiness is composed of love and work, reality often forces us to choose love or work.

—Letty Cottin Pogrebin

He did not know what love was. And he did not know what good it was. But he knew he carried it around with him, a scabrous spot of rot, of contagion, for which there was no cure.

—Harry Crews

Love is the most universal, the most tremendous and the most mysterious of the cosmic forces.

—Pierre Teilhard de
Chardin

Love grows more tremendously full, swift, poignant, as the years multiply.

—Zane Grey

If you ever fall in love, fall in love with someone who wants to know your favorite color and just how you like your coffee. Fall in love with someone who loves the way you laugh and would do absolutely anything to hear it. Fall in love with someone who puts their head on your chest just to hear your heart beat. Fall in love with someone who kisses you in public and is proud to show you off to anyone they know. Fall in love with someone who makes you question why you were afraid to fall in love in the first place. Fall in love with someone who would never ever want to hurt you. Fall in love with someone who falls in love with your flaws and thinks you are perfect just the way you are. Fall in love with someone who thinks that you are the ONE they would love to wake up to each day.

—*simplereminders.com*

A rose will wilt in short time, but my garden is more vivacious for having one in it. Love is even more fragrant, but often just as fragile and fleeting, but I eagerly accept the joy of it now, knowing the cost is the pain of loss later.

—Jarod Kintz

Love is not what you say. Love is what you do.

—Unknown

Human love is often but the encounter of two weaknesses.

—Francois Mauriac

Talk not of wasted affection, affection never was wasted,
If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters returning
Back to their springs, like the rain shall fill them full of refreshment.
That which the fountain sends forth returns again to the fountain.

—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

There are places in the heart you don't even know exist until you love a child.

—Anne Lamott

Love is the greatest refreshment in life.

—Pablo Picasso

Rekindled love is generally short-term.

—Nicholas Sparks

There are two basic motivating forces: fear and love. When we are afraid, we pull back from life. When we are in love, we open to all that life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance. We need to learn to love ourselves first, in all our glory and our imperfections. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully open to our ability to love others or our potential to create. Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life.

—John Lennon

I think she was afraid to love sometimes. I think it scared her. She was the type to like things that were concrete, like the ocean. Something you could point to and know what it was. I think that's why she struggled with love. She couldn't touch it. She couldn't hold on to it and make sure it never changed.

—Carrie Ryan

I don't know a perfect person. I only know flawed people who are still worth loving.

—John Green

Truly loving another means letting go of all expectations. It means full acceptance, even celebration of another's personhood.

—Karen Casey

Life isn't long enough for love and art.

—W. Somerset Maugham

If we discovered that we only had five minutes left to say all that we wanted to say, every telephone booth would be occupied by people calling other people to stammer that they loved them.

—Christopher Morley

Love is a gross exaggeration of the difference between one person and everybody else.

—George Bernard Shaw

Bitterness imprisons life; love releases it.

—Harry Emerson
Fosdick

Love is what we call the situation which occurs when two people who are sexually compatible discover that they can also tolerate one another in various other circumstances.

—Marc Maihueird

People don't like love, they like that flittery flirty feeling. They don't love love—love is sacrificial, love is ferocious, it's not emotive. Our culture doesn't love love, it loves the idea of love. It wants the emotion without paying anything for it. It's ridiculous.

—Matt Chandler Parsons

I don't think people love me. They love versions of me I have spun for them, versions of me they have construed in their minds. The easy versions of me, the easy parts of me to love. Who's going to love the girl that can't stop crying? The girl that hurts herself? The girl that is losing control? The girl that is so sad she can't get out of bed? The girl that keeps pushing everyone away? Who's going to love the monster in me, who's going to love me now?

—*thelovewhisperer.me*

Please know that there are much better things in life than being lonely or liked or bitter or mean or self conscious. We are all full of shit. Go love someone just because, I know your heart may be badly bruised, or even the victim of numerous knifings but it will always heal even if you don't want it to, it keeps going. There are the most fantastic, beautiful things and people out there, I promise. It's up to you to find them.

—Chuck Palahniuk

I've never fooled anyone. I've let people fool themselves. They didn't bother to find out who and what I was. Instead they would invent a character for me. I wouldn't argue with them. They were obviously loving somebody I wasn't.

—Marilyn Monroe

I am too intelligent, too demanding, and too resourceful for anyone to be able to take charge of me entirely. No one knows me or loves me completely. I have only myself.

—Simone de Beauvoir

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where. I love you simply, without problems or pride: I love you in this way because I do not know any other way of loving but this, in which there is no I or you, so intimate that your hand upon my chest is my hand, so intimate that when I fall asleep your eyes close.

—Pablo Neruda

Thinking of someone to love each day keeps your resentment away!

—Richard Carlson

What's the definition of unconditional love? Your mother.

—Unknown

Before I had my child, I thought I knew all the boundaries of myself, that I understood the limits of my heart. It's extraordinary to have all those limits thrown out, to realize your love is inexhaustible.

—Uma Thurman

I want someone to love me for me, faults and all.
Someone who can't fall asleep without being her last call.
Someone who wants to be my last goodnight and my first hello.
Someone who will hold my hand and not let it go.
Someone who means it when she says, 'I will leave you never.'
Someone who looks into my eyes and sees her... Forever.

—José N. Harris

Truly, love is something a lot more than to sleep with someone else, more than just to talk with that person. It's to think of that person, wanting them to be happy, to wish them well, to care about them, showing consideration, listening when they are happy or when they're sad, encouraging, it is to show your love, to make that someone feel special, it is always waiting to hear their voice, keeping them in your mind, in your thoughts, and in your heart.

—José N. Harris

Love is the bond between men, the way to teach and the center of the world.
—Jose Marti

We cease loving ourselves if no one loves us.
—Madame de Stael

No human relation gives one possession in another...every two souls are absolutely different. In friendship and in love, the two side by side raise hands together to find what one cannot reach alone.
—Kahlil Gibran

I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I don't know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will NOT ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life,' rather he will ask, 'How much LOVE did you put into what you did?'
—Mother Theresa

'Love' is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own... Jealousy is a disease, love is a healthy condition. The immature mind often mistakes one for the other, or assumes that the greater the love, the greater the jealousy.
—Robert A. Heinlein

Love is more pleasant than marriage for the same reason that novels are more amusing than history.
—Nicolas Chamfort

If you love someone, put their name in a circle because hearts can be broken, but circles never end.
—Karen Amanda Hooper

Some people won't love you, no matter what you do. Some people won't STOP loving you, no matter what you do. Go where the love is.
—Eleanor Brownn

People were created to be loved. Things were created to be used. The reason why the world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used.
—John Green

Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like *struggle*. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.
—Fred Rogers

For small creatures such as we, the vastness is bearable only through love.
—Carl Sagan

My great hope is to laugh as much as I cry; to get my work done and try to love somebody and have the courage to accept the love in return.
—Maya Angelou

Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.
—H. L. Mencken

If you can love the wrong person that much, imagine how much you can love the right one.
—*lifehack.org*

Loving can cost a lot but not loving always costs more, and those who fear to love often find that want of love is an emptiness that robs the joy from life.
—Merle Shain

It was Chrysis' theory of life that all human beings—save a few who seemed to possess some secret from the gods—merely endured the slow misery of existence, hiding as best they could their consternation that life had no wonderful surprises after all and that its most difficult burden was the incommunicability of love.
—Thornton Wilder

It matters not where or how far you travel—the farther commonly the worse—but how much alive you are. All that a man has to say or do that can possibly concern mankind, is in some shape or other to tell the story of his love—to sing, and if he is fortunate and keeps alive, he will be forever in love.
—Henry David Thoreau

Lust is what keeps you wanting to do it even when you have no desire to be with each other. Love is what makes you want to be with each other even when you have no desire to do it.
—Judith Viorst

The opposite of love is not hate; it is indifference.
—Elie Wiesel

It is difficult to know at what moment love begins; it is less difficult to know that it has begun.
—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

Love isn't an emotion or an instinct - it's an art.

—Mae West

The human heart, at whatever age, opens to the heart that opens in return.

—Maria Edgeworth

Love is a great beautifier.

—Louisa May Alcott

Love your spouse more than you love your carer, hobbies and money. That other stuff can't love you back.

—*DaveWillis.org*

The reason why dogs don't live as long as people according to a four-year-old: Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody and being nice, right? Well, animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.

—Unknown

We all want to love and be loved unconditionally. That's why people get dogs!

—Charles Schulz

We fall in love by chance. We stay in love by choice.

—Unknown

Seeking love keeps you from the awareness that you already have it—that you are it.

—Byron Katie

Missing someone is your heart's way of reminding you that you love them.

—*SimplyLoveQuotes.com*

Love, having no geography, knows no boundaries.

—Truman Capote

Do you know how it feels to love someone who doesn't love you? It's like waiting for a boat at the airport.

—Unknown

Loving is when you just want the best for that person whether it includes you or not.

—Unknown

I see no essential difference between the love of two men for each other and the love of a man and a woman; no essential difference, and I've examined them both.

—Tennessee Williams

So long as little children are allowed to suffer, there is no true love in the world.

--Isadora Duncan

If you're deprived of love when you're young, you can never have it given back to you.

--Jerry Lewis

Love is like a bird. When you least expect it, it craps in your face.

—Unknown

In the fleeting time we have on this earth, what matters is not wealth, or status, or power, or fame, but rather how well we have loved.

--Barack Obama

If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with.

—Stephen Stills

It is with the heart that one sees rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

—Antoine de
Saint-Exupery

The greatest terror a child can have is that he is not loved, and rejection is the hell of fears....And with rejection comes anger, and with anger some kind of crime in revenge.

--John Steinbeck

To give and not expect return, that is what lies at the heart of love.

—Oscar Wilde

A woman's flattery may inflate a man's head a little; but her criticism goes straight to his heart, and contracts it so that it can never again hold quite as much love for her.

—Helen Rowland

The word love has by no means the same sense for both sexes, and this is one cause of the serious misunderstandings that divide them.

—Simone de Beauvoir

Trust no friend without faults, and love a woman, but no angel.

—Doris Lessing

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength; loving someone deeply gives you courage.

—Lao Tzu

Young people don't understand why, with so many advantages, they are not happier than they are. They don't form relationships that last. They don't expect anything permanent with one another. But the longing never goes away: everybody dreams of what life would be if one were loved.

--Saul Bellow

This is the hope of many adolescent girls—to capture a parent's heart with love for them as they are, as people. They reject the notion of being loved just because they are the child of the parent. They want the parent to fall in love with them all over again, because being new, they deserve a new love.

--Terri Apter

Unfortunately there is still a cultural stereotype that it's all right for girls to be affectionate but that once boys reach six or seven, they no longer need so much hugging and kissing. What this does is dissuade boys from expressing their natural feelings of tenderness and affection. It is important that we act affectionately with our sons as well as our daughters.

--Stephanie Marston

True love is not rare at the age of a teen, but recognizing it as true love is.

--Brad Bell

The kids who need the most love will ask for it in the most unloving of ways.

—*Facebook.com / joyofmom*

Babies make days

a little sunnier...

family fun

a little funnier..

family ties

a little dearer...

and the meaning of love

a little clearer.

—Unknown

Men, when it comes to falling in love, are less... I guess you could say less aggressive.

—Alicia Machado

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

--John Ruskin

I love these little people; and it is not a slight thing, when they, who are so fresh from God, love us.

--Charles Dickens

What children expect from grown-ups is not to be 'understood,' but only to be loved, even though this love may be expressed clumsily or in sternness.

--Carl Zucker

Whoever gets up and comes to grips with Love like a boxer is a fool.

—Sophocles

There is something ultimate in a father's love, something that cannot fail, something to be believed against the whole world. We almost attribute practical omnipotence to our father in the days of our childhood.

--Frederick W. Faber

Children who have things their own way may even feel that their parents do not love them since they do not care what they do.

--Louis Kaplan

Love means that the adult be genuinely concerned with the evolution of the true nature of the child. Children are not able to respond to a love which tries to fashion them according to the concept of an adult, no matter how good the latter's intention may be.

--Dr. Gotthard Booth

I do not love him because he is good, but because he is my little child.

--Rabindranath Tagore

There is no slave out of heaven like a loving woman; and, of all loving women, there is no such slave as a mother.

--Henry Ward Beecher

We never know the love of our parents for us till we have become parents.
--Henry Ward Beecher

Some are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together.
--Pearl S. Buck

Here all mankind is equal:
rich and poor alike, they love their children.
—Euripides

A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy.
--Washington Irving

There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child.
--Henry Ward Beecher

There is in all this cold and hollow world no fount of deep, strong, deathless love, save that within a mother's heart.
--Felicia Hemans

Children, look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, notice the feeling of even a single touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand! Make much of it while yet you have that most precious of all good gifts, a loving mother. Read the unfathomable love of those eyes; the kind anxiety of that tone and look, however slight your pain. In after life you may have friends, fond, dear friends, but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you, which none but a mother bestows.

--Sir Thomas James
Babington
Macaulay

A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.
—Mahatma Gandhi

IF I HAD MY CHILD TO RAISE OVER AGAIN

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields, and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging, and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

--Diane Loomans

Lovers grow cold, men learn to hate their wives,
And only parents' love can last our lives.

--Robert Browning

The more you love your children the more care you should take to neglect them
occasionally. The web of affection can be drawn too tight.

--Dominique Sutton

The child who acts unlovable is the child who most needs to be loved.

--Cathy Rindner
Tempelsman

There's something like a line of gold thread running through a man's words when
he talks to his daughter, and gradually over the years it gets to be long enough for
you to pick up in your hands and weave into a cloth that feels like love itself.

--John Gregory Brown

Some people think that most of what women learn about love, connection and
friendship is learned between a mother and daughter, and that's the single most
important relationship a woman ever has.

--Lauren Kessler

Children aren't fooled. They know we give time to the things we love.

--John Bradshaw

There really are places in the heart you don't even know exist until you love a child.

—Anne Lamott

Accept the children the way we accept trees—with gratitude, because they are a blessing—but do not have expectations or desires. You don't expect trees to change, you love them as they are.

—Isabel Allende

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love.

—Mildred B. Vermont

Don't confuse sex with love.

—Unknown

When children find true love,
parents find true joy.

—Unknown

When faith and hope fail, as they do sometimes, we must try charity, which is love in action.

--Dinah Maria Mulock

Service is nothing but love in work clothes.

--Unknown

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing.

--Mother Teresa

We cannot do great things, only small things with **great love**.

--Mother Theresa

Success takes us to the top and away from those we love.

—Wynonna Judd

Love is a violent recreational sport. Proceed at your own risk. Helmets, armor, and steel-toe boots are required by law.

—H. C. Paye

It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get.
—Confucius

None of those other things makes a difference. Love is the strongest thing in the world, you know. Nothing can touch it. Nothing comes close. If we love each other, we're safe from it all. Love is the biggest thing there is.
—David Guterson

It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, so long as somebody loves you.
—Roald Dahl

One is loved because one is loved. No reason is needed for loving.
—Paulo Coelho

When someone else's happiness is your happiness, that's love.
—Lana Del Rey

It is love that will burn out the sins and hatreds that sadden us.
—Dorothy Day

The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love.
—Mother Teresa

When I was twelve, my sixth-grade English class went on a field trip to see Franco Zeffirelli's film adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. From that moment forward I dreamed that someday I'd meet my own Juliet. I'd marry her and I would love her with the same passion and intensity as Romeo. The fact that their marriage lasted fewer than three days before they both were dead didn't seem to affect my fantasy. Even if they had lived, I don't think their relationship could have survived. Let's face it, being that emotionally aflame, sexually charged, and transcendently eloquent every single second can really start to grate on a person's nerves. However, if I could find someone to love just a fraction of the way that Montague loved his Capulet, then marrying her would be worth it.
—Annabelle Gurwitch

Love is the absence of judgment.

—Dalai Lama XIV

Love consists of acts of care you can extend to whomever you choose.

—Maira Weigel

When it gets harder to love, love harder.

—Van Jones

It's very strange that the people you love are often the people you're most cruel to.

—Kenneth Branagh

What a blessing it is to love books. Everybody must love something, and I know of no objects of love that give such substantial and unfailing returns as books and a garden.

—Elizabeth von Arnim

Love will draw an elephant through a key-hole.

—Samuel Richardson

It starts so young, and I'm angry about that. The garbage we're taught. About love, about what's 'romantic.' Look at so many of the so-called romantic figures in books and movies. Do we ever stop and think how many of them would cause serious and drastic unhappiness after The End? Why are sick and dangerous personality types so often shown as passionate and tragic and something to be longed for when those are the very ones you should run for your life from? Think about it. Heathcliff. Romeo. Don Juan. Jay Gatsby. Rochester. Mr. Darcy. From the rigid control freak in *The Sound of Music* to all the bad boys some woman goes running to the airport to catch in the last minute of every romantic comedy. She should let him leave. Your time is so valuable, and look at these guys—depressive and moody and violent and immature and self-centered. And what about the big daddy of them all, Prince Charming? What was his secret life? We don't know anything about him, other than he looks good and comes to the rescue.

—Deb Caletti

It is beautiful to express love and even more beautiful to feel it.

—Dejan Stojanovic

You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams.

—Dr. Seuss

In literature, in Zola, or Flaubert, or all the Russians, we know people inside out. We know Prince Andrei in *War and Peace*. We know Natasha. We know the wonderful Pierre. We know them far better than we know [real] people. Do you think we truly know Anna Karenina? Do we know whether she is in love with Vronsky when she betrays her husband? Was she in love or was it a dream, a romantic illusion? I think she was in love. When Tolstoy describes the first dance—I'll never forget—and her dress and her necklace of fresh pansies, dark violet pansies. And he dances with her. One of the most beautiful commencements of love I've ever read.

—Edna O'Brien

When we love, we always have something to say.

--Mary Wortley Montagu

To send a letter is a good way to go somewhere without moving anything but your heart.

—Phyllis Theroux

Hugging is the most beautiful form of communication that allows the other person to know beyond a doubt that they matter.

—Rebecca Fox

Go and love someone exactly as they are and then watch how quickly they transform into the greatest, truest version of themselves. When one feels seen and appreciated in their own essence, one is instantly empowered.

—Wes Angelozzi

The greater your capacity to love, the greater your capacity to feel the pain.

—Jennifer Aniston

Love from one being to another can only be that two solitudes come nearer, recognize and protect and comfort each other.

—Han Suyin

How can we communicate love? I think three things are involved: We must reach out to a person, make contact. We must listen with the heart, be sensitive to the other's needs. We must respond in a language that the person can understand. Many of us do all the talking. We must learn to listen and to keep on listening.

--Princess Pale Moon

Sometimes it is a great joy just to listen to someone we love talking.

--Vincent McNabb

The first duty of love is to listen.

--Paul Tillich

There's no love more intense than the love we have for our kids—and where there is intense love, there is also intense fear lurking beneath the surface.

—Arianna Huffington

Love can conquer every hateful heart.

—Lailah Gifty Akita

Many men are deeply moved by the mere semblance of suffering in a woman; they take the look of pain for a sign of constancy or of love.

—Honoré de Balzac

Love, fidelity, maternity, are the most necessary, the most important, and the most sacred things in the life of a woman.

--George Sand

Love is the self-delusion we manufacture to justify the trouble we take to have sex.

—Daniel S. Greenberg

It's not clear that all young women really want to embrace the carefree lifestyle promoted in *Girls* or *Sex and the City*. Some of them want boyfriends, now an apparently endangered species. Most want, eventually, to marry. And not all enjoy the hookup culture of casual, often even anonymous, sex. Yet these are the peer pressures that surround them. Just go to pretty much any Internet dating site or campus blog. Women are supposed to be actively sexual, skilled in the range of activities that their partners are watching online. They are supposed to look like models, drink like fish, and not care a whit if their one-night fling never texts them again. And then they're somehow supposed to find the right guy at the right time, don an oddly virginal wedding gown, and snuggle in to a life of cozy monogamy ever after. It's tough. Women of earlier generations were almost certainly frustrated by the long list of romantic options—affairs, divorces, same-sex partners—that remained forever out of reach. But women today face an upside-down problem: the expectation that in love, as in so many areas, they are somehow expected to have, and do, it all.

--Debra Spar

Love is at the heart of the world, just as it is at the heart of your life. Your relationships with your lover, your family, your friends, and the world around you define the quality of your emotional wholeness and reflect your relationship with yourself.

—Sebastian Pole

Women often think that sex and love are the same thing. But they don't even have to go together.

—Virginia E. Johnson

Part of me loves and respects men so desperately, and part of me thinks they are so embarrassingly incompetent at life and in love. You have to teach them the very basics of emotional literacy. You have to teach them how to be there for you, and part of me feels tender toward them and gentle, and part of me is so afraid of them, afraid of any more violation.

—Anne Lamott

I am in the delivery room with my niece moments after she brought her baby girl into the world. She is sobbing, 'I feel so sorry for men,' she says. 'They can't have babies.' She was drowning in hormones, obviously, but never mind. Mothers know of what she spoke. So do fathers, though perhaps in a less immediately physical way. It is the joy that passeth all understanding. And, as with love, you can't explain it to those who haven't experienced it. That's the unspoken truth.

--Kathleen Parker

Some people think that most of what women learn about love, connection and friendship is learned between a mother and daughter, and that's the single most important relationship a woman ever has.

--Lauren Kessler

Most women go through life looking for love, and looking for someone to treat them like a queen. For some women finding real love seems to be something that will never happen. I believe that finding love is not as hard as people make it seem. The reason that some women can't find real love is because they look for more than just real love. A lot of women know what they need in a relationship, and that's for a man to love that woman with all of his heart, and to treat her real good. Most women have guys in their life or guys that try to get with them that could really love them and treat them real good. Those are usually the guys that get forced into that friend zone or rejected upfront. See, those guys could give them what they need, but not what they want. 'Wants' can be anything from a woman wanting a man to have certain materialistic things, or she could want him to look a certain way, those are a few examples of the things that some of them want, but they vary depending on the female. What some females don't understand is that none of the

things that they want has anything to do with love or how that person will treat you. You could find a man that looks perfect, has a house and car, he can be a college graduate with a good job, and you could still end up being with a person that doesn't truly love you, and will treat you like shit. What I am trying to say is that the person who could treat you good and really love you could already be in your life, but you could have been blinded by the things you want in a man, so you overlooked the person that you were really looking for. And by the way, there are men that do the same thing; I just wanted to be clear on that.

—Taisen Deshimaru

Generally speaking, when a woman offers unsolicited advice or tries to help a man, she has no idea of how critical and unloving she may sound to him.

—John Gray

The prosperous man is never sure that he is loved for himself.

—Lucan

Money is not the most important thing in the world. Love is. Fortunately, I love money.

--Jackie Mason

If you can't love yourself, how in the hell you gonna love somebody else?

—RuPaul

There is no religion without love, and people may talk as much as they like about their religion, but if it does not teach them to be good and kind to man and beast, it is all a sham.

—Anna Sewell

When a love-relationship is at its height there is no room left for any interest in the environment; a pair of lovers are sufficient to themselves.

—Sigmund Freud

People do not see that the main question is not : 'Am I loved?' which is to a large extent the question : 'Am I approved of? Am I protected? Am I admired?' The main question is: 'Can I love?'

—Erich Fromm

I have learned that I always feel happier and healthier when I offer genuine love to other people.

—Seth Adam Smith

Love is a chemical reaction, but it cannot be fully understood or defined by science. And though a body cannot exist without a soul, it too cannot be fully understood or defined by science.

Love is the most powerful form of energy, but science cannot decipher its elements. Yet the best cure for a sick soul is love, but even the most advanced physician cannot prescribe it as medicine.

—Suzy Kassem

Pain is inevitable, yet suffering is optional. It is our heart connections that make all the difference. When we experience mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual pain – love is the one medicine that transcends any synthetic or organic drug we use to suppress pain.

—Alaric Hutchinson

There is no excuse good enough to ever be out of alignment with love. You're going to get hurt, and you will feel pain. Yet your purpose is to keep loving, anyway. Keep moving forward with an open heart. Love is a Divine gift given to humanity. Wasting it is no longer an option. Love is what brings light to a dark place. Love is what transforms a dying world into a thriving planet.

—Alaric Hutchinson

Beauty is
dad kissing mom's hand when it cramps.
Beauty is
seeing a Persian woman dance.
Ugly is not the absence of beauty.
Ugly
is the inability to identify it.
The inability
to be surprised by it.
It is the persistent reluctance
to be made a child by it.
Beauty is
simply
the manifestation of
love.

—Kamand Kojouri

The more violent the love, the more violent the anger.

--Burmese Proverbs

People think that to love is simple, but that to find the right object to love—or to be loved by—is difficult.

—Erich Fromm

If you're angry at a loved one, hug that person. And mean it. You may not want to hug — which is all the more reason to do so. It's hard to stay angry when someone shows they love you, and that's precisely what happens when we hug each other.

—Walter Anderson

The price of hating other human beings is loving oneself less.

--Eldridge Cleaver

To embrace love, we risk heartbreak. To resist love, we risk emptiness.

—Jennifer Lane

I see love as a force of nature. No matter how much you want to, you cannot control or demand love. No one can. It cannot be bought, bartered, or sold. It is priceless.

—Anna Agoncillo

Most people think that if you do not love yourself fully, no one else will. That is not true. People are perfectly capable of giving love even if they feel less confident about themselves.

—Anna Agoncillo

If you truly love someone, he or she will inevitably love you back. If you find yourself in an emotional one way street, walk away! Trust that it's not love.

—Stefan Emunds

Love can never give too much, But those of us who love Can give in too much.

—Alfred Stuart, Jr.

The word *love* is used in more lies than any other. How often a guy will say to a girl (or vice versa), *I love you*, simply to get the other person emotionally stirred-up, so they can be more easily manipulated.

—Dawson McAllister

A man finds it awfully hard to lie to the woman he loves—the first time.

--Helen Rowland

Every lover is a liar.

--Ed Howe

Only enemies speak the truth; friends and lovers lie endlessly, caught in the web of duty.

--Stephen King

Honesty does not always bring a response of love, but it is absolutely essential to it.

—Ray Blanton

It's useless to hold a person to anything he says while he's in love, drunk, or running for office.

--Shirley MacLaine

Between whom there is hearty truth, there is love.

--Henry David Thoreau

Love is like wine. To sip is fine, but to empty the bottle is a headache.

—Julio Iglesias

Follow love and it will flee,
Flee love and it will follow thee.

—John Gay

Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return.

—Peace Pilgrim

The greatest gift a parent can give a child is unconditional love. As a child wanders and strays, finding his bearings, he needs a sense of absolute love from a parent. There's nothing wrong with tough love, as long as the love is unconditional.

—George Herbert Walker
Bush

A loving person lives in a loving world. A hostile person lives in a hostile world: everyone you meet is your mirror.

--Ken Keyes, Jr.

Woman's basic fear is that she will lose love.

--Sigmund Freud

The main condition for the achievement of love is the overcoming of one's narcissism. The narcissistic orientation is one in which one experiences as real only that which exists within oneself, while the phenomena in the outside world have no reality in themselves, but are experienced only from the viewpoint of their being useful or dangerous to one. The opposite pole to narcissism is objectivity; it is the faculty to see other people and things as they are, objectively, and to be able to separate this objective picture from a picture which is formed by one's desires and fears.

—Erich Fromm

In spite of the deep-seated craving for love, almost everything else is considered to be more important than love: success, prestige, money, power—almost all our energy is used for the learning of how to achieve these aims, and almost none to learn the art of loving.

Could it be that only those things are considered worthy of being learned with which one can earn money or prestige, and that love, which 'only' profits the soul, but is profitless in the modern sense, is a luxury we have no right to spend energy on?

—Erich Fromm

Love...is a constant challenge; it is not a resting place, but moving, growing, working together; even when there is harmony or conflict, joy or sadness, it is secondary to the fundamental fact that two people experience themselves, rather than by fleeing from themselves. There is only one proof for the presence of love: the depth of the relationship, and the aliveness and strength in each person concerned; this is the fruit by which love is recognized.

—Erich Fromm

It's okay to experience the flow of all emotions; however, if we get caught up in feeling pity for others and take on the responsibility of being their 'savior', we often take away their power to 'save' themselves. If I see someone as 'messed up' then I am projecting my 'messed up' vibration onto them, so I am unable to hold space. Yet, if I already view them as whole, well, and beautiful – then I am able to be a vibrational key (vessel of Spirit) that uplifts their energy so that it may come into alignment with being whole, well, and beautiful. It's not that I do any of the healing; I'm simply a mirror reflecting acceptance and loving them for exactly who they are, right where they are. That is all that is ever truly asked of us, to accept and to love.

—Alaric Hutchinson

Marriage is the tomb of love.

—Giacomo Casanova

Narcissistic fathers leave their daughters with deep doubts about whether a man can love them, since the first important man in their life was so in love with himself that he had no love left for them. If you are a daughter of a narcissistic father you may have withdrawn from men and bound yourself to mother, either overtly or emotionally. Or you may be engaged in a self-destructive attempt to be his kind of girl, whatever that is, as you try desperately to extract his love. Perhaps you have transferred this into a masochistic position with other men, finding a narcissistic man incredibly attractive as you try to master the mystery of winning his love. And narcissistic men appeal to you because you wish you could be that way yourself—assertive, not giving a damn, self-important - but you lack the confidence to do it yourself so you identify with the man who has their quality, even if it's at your expense. (I have often seen this revealed in those instances where a woman has suffered through a degradingly submissive and abusing relationship with a man, or a series of men, and then, gaining the strength to break that kind of bondage, violently overturns the tables and abuses that man, or the next man in her life, as degradingly as she was misused. It's not just revenge, but the release of hidden desire to be powerful and to be able to control father and make him beg for her love.)

—Howard M. Halpern

One of the hardest lessons in life is letting go. Whether it's guilt, anger, love, loss or betrayal. Change is never easy. We fight to hold on and we fight to let go. If you've been hurt until it breaks your soul into pieces, your perspective in life will definitely change, and no one and nothing in this world could ever hurt you again.

—Mareez Reyes

Often, our misunderstandings about love are born in disruptive family relationships, where someone was either one-up or one-down to an extreme. There is an appropriate and necessary difference in the balance of power between parents and young children, but in the best situations, there should be no power struggles by the time those children have become adults - just deep connection, trust, and respect between people who sincerely care about each other.

In disruptive families, children are taught to remain one-up or one-down into adulthood. And this produces immature adults who either seek to dominate others (one-up) or who allow themselves to be dominated (one-down) in their relationships - one powerful and one needy, one enabling and one addicted, one decisive and one confused.

In relationships with these people, manipulation abounds. Especially when they start to feel out of control.

—Tim Clinton

We are never so defenceless against suffering as when we love, never so helplessly unhappy as when we have lost our loved object or its love.

—Sigmund Freud

Social scientists and psychologists are conducting research studies that clearly show that when we behave and act as if we are happy, confident, healthy or in love, we become happy, confident, healthy and in love.

—Cynthia Sue Larson

Psychoanalysis...shows the human infant as the passive recipient of love, unable to bear hostility. Development is the learning to love actively and to bear rejection.

—Karl Stern

People don't write sonnets about being compatible, or novels about shared life goals and stimulating conversation. The great loves are the crazy ones.

—Blair Waldorf, *Gossip Girl*

It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous that you realize just how much you love them.

—Agatha Christie

Passionate love, I take it, rarely lasts long, and is very troublesome while it does last. Mutual esteem is very much more valuable.

—Anthony Trollope

In the reflected gaze of his (her husband's) steady admiration, she saw the face of the girl he had fallen in love with.

—Doris Kearns Goodwin

The distinction between children and adults, while probably useful for some purposes, is at bottom a specious one, I feel. There are only individual egos, crazy for love.

—Niccolo Machiavelli

Blood may be thicker than water, but love is thicker than anything.

—Goldie Nash

Every person in therapy has a love disorder.

—John Dufresne

Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy.

--Kahlil Gibran

What you love is a sign from your higher self of what you are to do.

--Sanaya Roman

Love turns work into rest.

--St. Teresa of Avila

There is nothing sweeter in this sad world than the sound of someone you love calling your name.

—Kate DiCamillo

The parent who did not depend on love to influence and mold the character of the child rather than force would be regarded not as a real parent but a brute. Force is worse than useless in developing the conduct of the child.

--Clarence Darrow

As I began to love myself I found that anguish and emotional suffering are only warning signs that I was living against my own truth. Today, I know, this is 'AUTHENTICITY.'

As I began to love myself I understood how much it can offend somebody if I try to force my desires on this person, even though I knew the time was not right and the person was not ready for it, and even though this person was me. Today I call it 'RESPECT.'

As I began to love myself I stopped craving for a different life, and I could see that everything that surrounded me was inviting me to grow. Today I call it 'MATURITY.'

As I began to love myself I understood that at any circumstance, I am in the right place at the right time, and everything happens at the exactly right moment. So I could be calm. Today I call it 'SELF-CONFIDENCE.'

As I began to love myself I quit stealing my own time, and I stopped designing huge projects for the future. Today, I only do what brings me joy and happiness, things I love to do and that make my heart cheer, and I do them in my own way and in my own rhythm. Today I call it 'SIMPLICITY.'

As I began to love myself I freed myself of anything that is no good for my health – food, people, things, situations, and everything that drew me down and away from myself. At first I called this attitude a healthy egoism. Today I know it is ‘LOVE OF ONESELF.’

As I began to love myself I quit trying to always be right, and ever since I was wrong less of the time. Today I discovered that is ‘MODESTY.’

As I began to love myself I refused to go on living in the past and worrying about the future. Now, I only live for the moment, where everything is happening. Today I live each day, day by day, and I call it ‘FULFILLMENT.’

As I began to love myself I recognized that my mind can disturb me and it can make me sick. But as I connected it to my heart, my mind became a valuable ally. Today I call this connection ‘WISDOM OF THE HEART.’

We no longer need to fear arguments, confrontations or any kind of problems with ourselves or others. Even stars collide, and out of their crashing new worlds are born. Today I know ‘THAT IS LIFE!’

—Charlie Chaplin

Women in general want to be loved for what they are and men for what they accomplish.

—Theodor Reik

Food is what I love, and how I communicate love, and how I calm myself.

—Tamar Adler

Love is the thing that enables a woman to sing while she mops up the floor after her husband has walked across it in his barn boots.

—*Hoosier Farmer*

There is no love sincerer than the love of food.

--George Bernard Shaw

Respect is love in plain clothes.

--Frankie Byrne

You cannot love without respecting.

--Greg Henry Quinn

Respect was invented to cover the empty place where love should be.

—Leo Tolstoy

I have a feeling that being in love sometimes means the projection of your desires onto another person. The important thing is that you like the other person, respect the other person and want to raise children with the other person.

—Eric Braeden

Love planted a rose, and the world turned sweet.

—Katharine Lee Bates

Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses.

—Ann Landers

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.

—Mother Teresa

Self-loving is not so vile a sin, my liege, as self-neglecting.

—William Shakespeare

All children should be taught to unconditionally accept, approve, admire, appreciate, forgive, trust, and ultimately, love their own person.

—Asa Don Brown

Ever loved someone so much you would do anything for them? Yeah, well, make that someone yourself and do whatever the hell you want.

—Harvey Specter

The first thing a girl hopes for from the garden of love is at least one carat.

—S. S. Biddle

When you love someone, truly love them, you lay your heart open to them. You give them a part of yourself that you give to no one else, and you let them inside a part of you that only they can hurt—you literally hand them the razor with a map of where to cut deepest and most painfully on your heart and soul. And when they do strike, it's crippling-like having your heart carved out.

--Sherrilyn Kenyon

I actually love my brothers. I mean, it's a brotherhood. Being able to save their life so they can live, I think is rewarding. Any of them would do it for me.

--American Soldier in
Afghanistan as
told to Sebastian
Junger

The Army might screw you, and your girlfriend might dump you and the enemy might kill you, but the shared commitment to safeguard one another's lives is unnegotiable and only deepens with time. The willingness to die for another person is a form of love that even religions fail to inspire, and the experience of it changes a person profoundly.

—Sebastian Junger

Love's always a little lonely in the beginning.

—Douglas Sir

Love's the noblest frailty of the mind.

—John Dryden

I really hope no white person ever has cause
to write about me
because they never understand
Black love is Black wealth and they'll
probably talk about my hard childhood
and never understand that
all the while I was quite happy.

--Nikki Giovanni

Way down deep we feel it. The power of mother love. For centuries, it is been the glue that cemented the two things Black folks have traditionally valued above all others: our families and our faith.

--Laura B. Randolph

Hard is the heart that loveth nought
In May.

--Geoffrey Chaucer

Love means to commit yourself without guarantee.

—Anne Campbell

I love Black men for the incredible strength in the face of the rage, the racism and the rancor they must face on a daily basis. Movie and media images of Black men in trouble and in a crisis permeate our lives while every day, all across the country, millions of Black men go out and do what they do like nobody else on the planet: raise their children, serve their communities, love their women. Like millions of Black women, I know the special joy of marriage to a strong Black man with whom you share the same struggle. Only a Black man can truly understand the fight and the plight of our people. For me, that fight is made infinitely easier because of David Justice. When I see him across the room, or wake up and see his face, I'm always renewed because I never have to explain myself or feelings to him. He understands my pain because it is his pain; he understands my struggle because it is his struggle. What bond can be more powerful? What love can be more profound?

--Halle Berry

The oceans of history are made turbulent by the ever-rising tides of hate. History is cluttered with the wreckage of nations and individuals that pursued that self-defeating path of hate. Love is the key to the solution of the problems of the world.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

I was taught when I was young that if people would only love one another, all would be well with the world. This seemed simple and very nice; but I found when I tried to put it in practice not only that other people were seldom lovable, but that I was not very lovable myself.

--George Bernard Shaw

It is difficult to love mankind unless one has a reasonable private income and when one has a reasonable private income one has better things to do than loving mankind.

--Hugh Kingsmill

I know that there are people who do not love their fellow man, and I hate people like that!

--Tom Lehrer

Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: the longing for love, the search for knowledge and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind.

--Bertrand Russell

Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that never was before and will never be again. And what do we teach our children in school? We teach them that two and two make four and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them....‘Do you know what you are?’ You are a marvel. You are unique. In all of the world there is no other child exactly like you. In the millions of years that have passed there has never been another child like you. And look at your body....what a wonder it is! You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must cherish one another. You must work; we all must work to make this world worthy of its children. The love of one’s country is a natural thing. But why should love stop at the border? We are all leaves of a tree and the tree is humanity.

--Pablo Casals

Lust is what keeps you wanting to do it even when you have no desire to be with each other. Love is what makes you want to be with each other even when you have no desire to do it.

—Judith Viorst

A heart in love with beauty never grows old.

—Turkish Proverb

To fall in love is to create a religion that has a fallible god.

—Jorge Luis Borges

The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

—Mother Teresa

Love demands infinitely less than friendship.

--George Jean Nathan

What brings joy to the heart is not so much the friend’s gift as the friend’s love.

--Saint Ailred of Rievaulx

A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.

--Elbert Hubbard

I cannot love a friend whose love is words.

--Sophocles

One cannot depend on woman's friendship, for she gives everything to love.
--Epigram

Friendship is the sweetest form of love.
--Anne Gotlieb

Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.
--Sydney Smith

An Oxford University study has found that for every person you fall in love with and accommodate into your life, you lose two close friends.
—Robin Dunbar

Friendship is love with understanding.
—Ancient Proverb

You can't ever be really free if you admire somebody too much.
—Tove Jansson

The life of a woman can be divided into three epochs; in the first she dreams of love, in the second she experiences it, in the third she regrets it.
--St. Prosper

Knowledge, love, power—there is the complete life.
--Henri Frédéric Amiel

Love is an ideal thing, marriage a real thing; a confusion of the real with the ideal never goes unpunished.
--Johann von Goethe

It is hardly possible to estimate how many marriages fail to prosper or are actually ruined because the man lacks any inkling of the art of love.
--Count Hermann
Keyserling

Married couples who love each other tell each other a thousand things without talking.
--Chinese Proverb

One should always be in love. That is the reason one should never marry.
--Oscar Wilde

The only way to understand a woman is to love her—and then it isn't necessary to understand her.
--Sydney Harris

Faults are thick where love is thin.
--Danish Proverb

Agreement is never reached in love. The life of a wife and husband who love each other is never at rest. Whether the marriage is true or false, the marriage portion is the same: elemental discord.
--Jean Giraudoux

Love is the dawn of marriage, and marriage is the sunset of love.
--French Proverb

Some pray to marry the man they love,
My prayer will somewhat vary:
I humbly pray to Heaven above
That I love the man I marry.
--Rose P. Stokes

Where there's marriage without love, there will be love without marriage.
--Benjamin Franklin

There would be fewer divorces if men gave as much loving attention to their wives as they do to their cars, boats, and dogs.
--Unknown

Love is often a fruit of marriage.
--Moliere

People marry through a variety of other reasons, and with varying results; but to marry for love is to invite inevitable tragedy.
--J. B. Cabell

It is love that is sacred....Marriage and love have nothing in common....We marry only once...but we may love twenty times....Marriage is law, and love is instinct.
--Guy de Maupassant

Marry first and love will follow.

--Hannah Cowley

If a man really loves a woman, of course he wouldn't marry her for the world if he were not quite sure that he was the best person she could by any possibility marry.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

If they only married when they fell in love, most people would die unwed.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

Love is a fever which marriage puts to bed and cures.

--Richard J. Needham

Love is moral even without legal marriage, but marriage is immoral without love.

--Ellen Key

A girl must marry for love, and keep on marrying until she finds it.

--Zsa Zsa Gabor

There are but two objects in marriage, love or money. If you marry for love, you will certainly have some very happy days, and probably many very uneasy ones; if for money, you will have no happy days and probably no uneasy ones.

--Lord Chesterfield

Marriage is ultimately an agreement—or conspiracy—between two people to treat each other as having each the right to be loved absolutely.

--Stephen Spender

Marriage is the sovereign remedy against love.

--Christina of Sweden

Love is one long sweet dream, and marriage is the alarm clock.

—Internet Meme

Few men marry their first love, and fewer marry their last.

--Unknown

Of course Platonic love is possible, but only between husband and wife.

--Unknown

If a man is still in love after many years of married life, his wife probably doesn't know who she is.

—Evan Esar

Brought up to respect the conventions, love had to end in marriage. I'm afraid it did.

--Bette Davis

When one's friends marry for money they are wretched; when they marry for love it is worse.

--Nancy Mitford

Marry for love if you can, it won't last, but it is a very interesting experience and makes a good beginning in life. Later on, when you marry for money, for heaven's sake let it be big money. There are no other possible reasons for marrying at all.

--Nancy Mitford

Marry your best friend. I do not say that lightly. Really, truly find the strongest, happiest friendship in the person you fall in love with. Someone who speaks highly of you. Someone you can laugh with. The kind of laughs that make your belly ache, and your nose snort. The embarrassing, earnest, healing kind of laughs. Wit is important. Life is too short not to love someone who lets you be a fool with them. Make sure they are somebody who lets you cry, too. Despair will come. Find someone that you want to be there with you through those times. Most importantly, marry the one that makes passion, love, and madness combine and course through you. A love that will never dilute - even when the waters get deep, and dark.

—N'tima

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

—Mignon McLaughlin

One advantage of marriage, it seems to me, is that when you fall out of love with him, or he falls out of love with you, it keeps you together until you maybe fall in love again.

—Judith Viorst

To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

—Helen Rowland

There is room in the smallest cottage for a happy loving pair.

—Friedrich Schiller

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.

—Marcel Proust

Love grants in a moment what toil can hardly achieve in an age.

—Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe

A great many people fall in love with or feel attracted to a person who offers the least possibility of a harmonious union.

--Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs

When a woman likes to wait on a man, that settles it: she loves him.

--E. W. Howe

How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved!

--Sigmund Freud

It is better for a woman to marry a man who loves her than a man she loves.

--Arab Proverb

The first symptom of love in a young man is timidity, in a girl it is boldness. The two sexes have a tendency to approach, and each assumes the qualities of the other.

--Victor Hugo

It seems to me that women commit a great fault, in that they hardly ever love those who are their most faithful lovers.

--Bernard de Ventadour

It is best not to leave a lover sole master of one's affections, for fear that, in the absence of any rivals, his love slumbers through overconfidence.

--Moliere

Never marry but for love; but see that thou lovest what is lovely.

—William Penn

From my experience, not one in twenty marries the first love; we build statues of snow, and weep to see them melt.

--Sir Walter Scott

God has placed the genius of women in their hearts; because the works of this genius are always works of love.

--Alphonse de Lamartine

A woman's lot is made for her by the love she accepts.

--George Eliot

The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.

--Edna St. Vincent Millay

Absences are a good influence in love and keep it bright and delicate.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

Women are the cowards they are because they have been semi-slaves for so long. The number of women prepared to stand up for what they really think, feel, experience, with a man they are in love with is still very small.

--Doris Lessing

No woman need feel the smallest twinge of shame at being as stupid as an egg. Plain women should know just a little more than pretty ones, and downright ugly ones just a bit more still; but no woman, whatever her physiognomy, should know more than a man. That is, if she wants to be loved by him.

--Virginia Graham

Pride—that's a luxury a woman in love can't afford.

--Clare Boothe Luce

We can have only one real love, but many tender friendships.

--Christina of Sweden

Love passes, but syphilis remains.

—Evan Esar

It's what a man doesn't know about a girl that makes him fall in love with her.

--Unknown

When a girl can tell the difference between truth and flattery, she is too practical to be in love.

--Unknown

Women become attached to men by the intimacies they grant them; men are cured of their love by the same intimacies.

--La Bruyère

No scientist knows where the center of the universe is, but every man in love does.

—Unknown

My love life is like a piece of Swiss cheese; most of it's missing, and what's there stinks.

--Joan Rivers

A man usually falls in love with a woman who asks the kinds of questions he is able to answer.

—Ronald Colman

Chicken is better than that chick who said she will even die for you...Chicken actually died for you. Chicken is true love.

—*The Chive*

I was about half in love with her by the time we sat down. That's the thing about girls. Every time they do something pretty... you fall half in love with them, and then you never know where the hell you are.

—J. D. Salinger

All great lovers are articulate, and verbal seduction is the surest road to actual seduction.

—Marya Mannes

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.

—A. A. Milne

A bad attitude can literally block love, blessings, and destiny from finding you. Don't be the reason you don't succeed.

—Mandy Hale

Your naked body should only belong to those who fall in love with your naked soul.

—Charlie Chaplin

We don't get to choose who we fall for. They may mistreat us, ignore us or hurt us, but we stay with them, why? It's not because we are stupid or we enjoy getting hurt, it's because we can see the good in them, its because despite all the arguments, they are the ones who make us feel a certain way that no one else can and we value that feeling, and because our brain won't allow them to leave our minds, our hearts, and won't allow them to leave our lives.

—Unknown

It hurts to love someone and not be loved in return. But what is more painful is to love someone and never find the courage to let that person know how you feel.

—*boardofwisdom.com*

People who have been single for too long are the hardest to love. The have become so used to being single, independent and self-sufficient that it takes something extraordinary to convince them that they need you in their life.

—Unknown

The biggest coward is a man who awakens a women's love with no intention of loving her.

—Bob Marley

Meeting you was fate, becoming your friend was a choice, but falling in love with you was beyond my control.

—*boardofwisdom.com*

I thought that I could love no other
Until, that is, I met your brother.

—Unknown

I was only twelve. But I knew how much I loved her. It was that love that comes before all significance of body and morals. It was that love that was no more bad than wind and sea and sand lying side by side forever. It was made of all the warm long days together at the beach, and the humming quiet days of droning education at the school. All the long Autumn days of the years past when I carried her books home from school.

—Ray Bradbury

Forget love—I'd rather fall in chocolate!

—Sandra J. Dykes

I was born when he kissed me, I died when he left me, I lived a few weeks while he loved me.

—Dorothy B. Hughes

O love, O fire! once he drew
With one long kiss my whole soul through
My lips, as sunlight drinketh dew.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

I sometimes used to ask myself, what on earth did I love her for? Maybe for the warm hazel iris of her fluffy eyes, or for the natural side-wave of her brown hair, done anyhow, or again for that movement of her plump shoulders. But, probably the truth was that I loved her because she loved me. To her I was the ideal man: brains, pluck. And there was none dressed better. I remember once, when I first put on that new dinner jacket, with the vast trousers, she clasped her hands, sank down on a chair and murmured: ‘Oh, Hermann....’ It was ravishment bordering upon something like heavenly woe.

—Vladimir Nabokov

All too often women believe it is a sign of commitment, an expression of love, to endure unkindness or cruelty, to forgive and forget. In actuality, when we love rightly we know that the healthy, loving response to cruelty and abuse is putting ourselves out of harm’s way.

—Bell Hooks

I know you’re scared of being alone the rest of your life, but you can handle solitude. And try to calm down: Not every exchange in a diner will be fraught with the possibility of Love Eternal. (You are not Dante, and that’s not Beatrice in the next booth.) Women—all of them, really!—are not ethereal omnipotent beings who can save or destroy your life with a look. Instead, they are people like yourself, many of them seeking the same things you are: companionship, comfort, intimacy and other pleasures that may arise. So offer what you can of yourself, rather than demand anything of the other. Especially eternal love.

—Peter Sagal

As to the deceit perpetrated upon women, let it pass, for, when love is in the way, men and women as a general rule dupe each other.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

I have loved women even to madness, but I have always loved liberty better.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

The woman who showing little succeeds in making a man want to see more, has accomplished three-fourths of the task of making him fall in love with her; for is love anything else than a kind of curiosity?

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

I feel sorry for people who maintain relationships and friendships detrimental to their mental health.

Everyone is guilty of it at one time or another—but the idea is to strive to be your best; right?

So, meanwhile why are so many people faking it? Security? Fear of loneliness? Fears of independence? Fears of being self? Or just the idea that you can make someone change?

Regardless of the justifications you give & treat yourself to... , I hope all of you—‘new year -new me types’ strive for self care, honest and pure friendships and relationships based of love- and not based off the fake realities of your mind. These delusions of what you hope for instead of what’s there, where you and your puppet show master focus more on everyone else and less on self. To change the world you must start within. But you must first BE HONEST with yourself.

--Tiffany Luard

To look at her face is like being shone upon by a ray of the sun.

--Nathaniel Hawthorne

The average man is more interested in a woman who is interested in him than he is in a woman—any woman—with beautiful legs.

--Marlene Dietrich

Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a light so dim he would not have chosen a suit by it.

--Maurice Chevalier

Love does not dominate; it cultivates.

—Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe

Everyone who loves is vulnerable to the pain of grief, for love means attachment and all human attachments are subject to loss. But grief need not, should not, be a destructive emotion.

--Joyce Brothers

You never realize death until you realize love.

--Katherine Butler
Hathaway

When we lose one we love, our bitterest tears are called forth by the memory of hours when we loved not enough.

--Maurice Maeterlinck

He that dares not grasp the thorn Should never crave the rose.

—Anne Bronte

Powerful, debilitating, passionate love comes only with a girlfriend—not with a wife.

—Unknown

We understand death for the first time when he puts his hand upon one whom we love.

--Madame De Stael

Love, I felt more than ever, is stronger than death and the fear of death.

--Ivan Turgenev

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

—Thomas Campbell

The memory of your loved one will one day bring a smile to your lips before it brings a tear to your eye.

—Joe Biden

Grief never ends...but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, not a lack of faith...It is the price of love.

—Unknown

Only people who are capable of loving strongly can also suffer great sorrow, but this same necessity of loving serves to counteract their grief and heals them.

— Leo Tolstoy

Grieving is a journey that teaches us how to love in a new way now that our loved one is no longer with us. Consciously remembering those who have died is the key that opens the hearts, that allows us to love them in new ways.

—Tom Attig

My sister will die over and over again for the rest of my life. Grief is forever. It doesn't go away; it becomes a part of you, step for step, breath for breath. I will never stop grieving Bailey because I will never stop loving her. That's just how it is. Grief and love are conjoined, you don't get one without the other. All I can do is love her, and love the world, emulate her by living with daring and spirit and joy.

—Jandy Nelson

If, as I can't help suspecting, the dead also feel the pains of separation (and this may be one of their purgatorial sufferings), then for both lovers, and for all pairs of lovers without exception, bereavement is a universal and integral part of our experience of love.

—C. S. Lewis

Grief is the pulling of memories into focus. It is feeling, hurting, caring. It is struggling with the guilt that we might have done things differently or better and with the anger that we are left alone. Grief, in its pain and loneliness, is the memory of a loved one, no longer here, but truly never far away.

Grief is the price we pay for love. We did not lose our children. They died, taking with them our hopes and dreams for the future, but never, never taking away their love. Though death comes, love will never go away. Hold it tight, the love our children gave us. Hold it tight through the storms of grief and bring it with you into today.

LOVE NEVER GOES AWAY.

—Darcie Sims

No matter how much you think you love somebody, you'll step back when the pool of their blood edges up too close.

—Chuck Palahniuk

Even in the common affairs of life, in love, friendship, and marriage, how little security have we when we trust our happiness in the hands of others!

--William Hazlitt

Life in common among people who love each other is the ideal of happiness.

--George Sand

WHO WILL LOVE YOU?

Who will love you when I'm gone,
Whisper your name when twilight
comes,
Long to touch your hand, then shed
a tear,
Or write a poem to you
As I have often done?

Who will love you when I'm gone,
Sit in silence in your lonely room
And dream of times when I could
Watch you in your sleep
As I have often done?

Who will love you when I'm gone
And keep you in his breast
And feel the gaping pain
That makes me weep
As I have often done?

Who will love you when I'm gone
And stir up childhood memories
Of sandboxes, swings and trains?
I will, my son, for we will be
Together in eternity,

—David Ziv

I fell in love hard, and when you fall in love that hard, your heart breaks even harder. Every part of you gets shattered.

—Vanessa Grimaldi

If you love something, let it go. If it comes back to you, it's yours forever. If it doesn't, then it was never meant to be.

—Unknown

It is only a slight exaggeration to say that happiness is the experience of spending time with people you love and who love you.

--Daniel Kahneman

If you love something, let it go. If it comes back to you, its yours forever. If it doesn't, then it was never meant to be. But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money, and doesn't appear to realize that you had set it free..... You either married it or gave birth to it.

—Unknown

Happiness is finding love through giving love.

--J. Donald Walters

You didn't make a mistake by loving them. You should never regret loving. You didn't make a mistake by giving them a chance. That's a reason of strength, not shame. You didn't make a mistake by trusting them, believing them or being there for them. Do you know why? Your actions reflect you. You would do this for anyone that comes your way. It just happened that those were not appreciative of your pure intentions. You didn't make a mistake. The mistake was their choice to make by not respecting and appreciating your beautiful heart.

—Najwa Zebian

There are only two roads that lead to something like human happiness. They are marked by the words: love and achievement....In order to be happy oneself it is necessary to make at least one other person happy....The secret of human happiness is not in self-seeking but in self-forgetting.

--Theodore Reik

As we grow up, we learn that the people that weren't supposed to ever let us down, probably will. You'll have your heart broken and you'll break others hearts. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll fight with with your best friend, and you'll cry because time is flying by, and eventually you'll lose someone you love. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, forgive freely, and love like you've never been hurt. Because every second you spend angry or upset, is a second of happiness you can never get back.

—Andy Biersack

The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of.

—Blaise Pascal

Babies have the power to make grumpy people happy because they love you no matter what. Dogs are that way, too.

—Mariel Hemingway

If we're ever going to be truly happy...we need to be willing to charge headlong into the inferno of our most horrific fears - eyes open, intellect and spirit at the ready - even as our survival instincts are screaming, 'Run! Run! Get out!' That takes courage, and that's why courage is one of the prerequisites for happiness. Courage, they say, is not the lack of fear, but the ability to take action in spite of it. But where does that ability come from? What power grants the strength to overcome the sick, shaky feeling of fear? Only one power is that strong: love. In the ultimate analysis, human beings have only two essential primal feelings: fear and love. Fear impels us to survive, and love enables us to thrive. This complementary pair of feelings has been the driving force of human history. Fear is the product of the reptilian brain, hardwired into every fiber of our being, and love is the product of the neocortical higher brain, where spirit and intellect reside. Thus, the dance of the spirit and reptile - the shifting balance between the neocortex and the reptilian brain - is the dance of love and fear. For you to be happy, love must lead this dance.

—Dan Baker, Ph.D.

Love is a word that can truly change any atmosphere. Love is at the very root of having a positive attitude. To love is to give hope to even the darkest atmosphere.

--Mark Andrew Poe

So much of what is best in us is bound up in our love of family, that it remains the measure of our stability because it measures our sense of loyalty. All other pacts of love or fear derive from it and are modeled upon it.

--Daniel Long

A friend loves you for your intelligence, a mistress for your charm, but your family's love is unreasoning; you were born into it and are of its flesh and blood. Nevertheless it can irritate you more than any group of people in the world.

--Andre Maurois

There's no vocabulary
For love within a family, love that's lived in
But not looked at, love within the light of which
All else is seen, the love within which
All other love finds speech.
This love is silent.

--T. S. Eliot

The purpose of a family is for the formation of people who are able to love.

--Rosemary Haughton

Where love and the capacity for love are present in the domestic circle, one might say beforehand that no form of education can fail to succeed.

--Johann Heinrich
Pestalozzi

Family life is too intimate to be preserved by the spirit of justice. It can be sustained by a spirit of love which goes beyond justice.

--Reinhold Niebuhr

Womanliness means only motherhood; All love begins and ends there.

--Robert Browning

He that loves not his wife and children, feeds a lioness at home and broods a nest of sorrows.

--Jeremy Taylor

Before you were conceived I wanted you
Before you were born I loved you
Before you were here an hour I would die for you
This is the miracle of love.

--Maureen Hawkins

When you were small
And just a touch away,
I covered you with blankets
Against the cool night air.
But now that you are tall
And out of reach,
I fold my hands
And cover you with prayer.

--Dona Maddux Cooper

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.

--Marion C. Garretty

Mother love is dangerous when it becomes smother love.

--Unknown

No language can express the power and beauty and heroism of a mother's love.

--Edwin H. Chapin

A mother's love is like a circle, it has no beginning and no ending. It keeps going around and around ever expanding, touching everyone who comes in contact with it. Engulfing them like the morning's mist, warming them like the noontime sun, and covering them like a blanket of evening stars. A mother's love is like a circle, it has no beginning and no ending.

--Art Urban

The most powerful lessons about ethics and morality do not come from school discussions or classes in character building. They come from family life where people treat one another with respect, consideration, and love.

--Neil Kurshan

Children thrive in a variety of family forms; they develop normally with single parents, with unmarried parents, with multiple caretakers in a communal setting, and with traditional two-parent families. What children require is loving and attentive adults, not a particular family type.

--Sandra Scarr

Growing up in a loving home is the best break anyone can have.

--Walter Mondale

The love of family and the admiration of friends is much more important than wealth and privilege.

—Charles Kuralt

We might be witnessing the rise of the aunt, based on the simple fact that my brother's two small daughters have brought me emotional rewards I never could have anticipated. I have always been very close with my family, but welcoming my nieces into the world has reminded me anew of what a gift it is to care deeply, even helplessly about another. There are many ways to know love in this world.

--Kate Bolick

Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what.

—Unknown

The love in our family grows strong and deep, leaving us memories to treasure and keep.

—Unknown

No laborer in the world is expected to work for room, board, and love—except the housewife.

--Letty Cottin Pogrebin

In truth a family is what you make it. It is made strong, not by the number of heads counted at the dinner table, but by the rituals you help family members create, by the memories you share, by the commitment of time, caring, and love you show to one another, and by the hopes of the future you have as individuals and as a unit.

—Marge Kennedy

He who plants trees loves others beside himself.

--Thomas Fuller

Love is missing someone whenever you're apart, but somehow feeling warm inside because you're close in heart.

—Kay Knudsen

A bell is no bell 'til you ring it,
A song is no song 'til you sing it,
And love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay—
Love isn't love
'Til you give it away.

—Oscar Hammerstein

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.

—Zora Neale Hurston

I've fallen in love many times... always with you.

—Unknown

Who, being loved, is poor?

—Oscar Wilde

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.

—Henry Van Dyke

We loved with a love that was more than love.

—Edgar Allan Poe

A hundred hearts would be too few
To carry all my love for you.

—Unknown

Trip over love, you can get up. Fall in love and you fall forever.

—Unknown

Love—a wildly misunderstood although highly desirable malfunction of the heart which weakens the brain, causes eyes to sparkle, cheeks to glow, blood pressure to rise and the lips to pucker.

—Unknown

What the heart gives away is never gone ...
It is kept in the hearts of others.

—Robin St. John

What's Valentine's Day about except the desperate search to find someone to spend Valentine's Day with? It just shows that love has become a marketing campaign, like everything else. You buy into it and lose everything.

--David Levithan

Valentine's Day is an extraordinary moment for recalling the lasting power of a true love.

—M. F. Moonzajer

Love is an afternoon of fishing when I'd sooner be at the ballet.
Love is eating burnt toast and lumpy gravy with a big smile.
Love is hearing the words 'You're beautiful' as I fail to squeeze into my fat jeans.
Love is refusing to bring up the past, even if doing so would be a slam dunk to prove your point.
Love is your hand wiping away my tears, trying to erase streaks of mascara.
Love is the warm hug that extinguishes an argument.
Love is a humbly-uttered apology, even if not at fault.
Love is easy to recognize but so hard to define; however, I think it boils down to this...
Love is caring so much about the feelings of someone else, you sacrifice whatever it takes to help him or her feel better.
In other words, love is my heart being sensitive to yours.

--Richelle E. Goodrich

When I ask you to be my valentine, I'm not asking you to love me. I'm simply asking you to accept tokens of my love for you.

--Richelle E. Goodrich

February—the month of love..?!
No wonder the shortest one in the calendar.

--Dinesh Kumar Biran

Love is the ultimate no-calorie sweetener.

--Richelle E. Goodrich

Love attracts, connects, builds and frees the beauty of humanity. Happy Valentines Day.

--Euginia Herlihy

Once there were two women who never knew each other.
One you do not remember, the other you call mother.
Two different lives, shaped to make your one...
One became your guiding star, the other became your sun.
The first gave you life and the second taught you to live it.
The first gave you a need for love, and the second was there to give it.
One gave you a nationality, the other gave you a name.
One gave you a seed of talent, the other gave you an aim.
One gave you emotions, the other calmed your fears.
One saw your first sweet smile, the other dried your tears.
One gave you up ... that's all she could do.
The other prayed for a child and God led her straight to you.
And now you ask me, through your fears,
the age old question unanswered throughout the years...
Heredity or environment, which are you the product of?
Neither, my darling neither.
Just two different kinds of love.

—Unknown

The child, in the decisive first years of his life, has the experience of his mother, as an all-enveloping, protective, nourishing power. Mother is food; she is love; she is warmth; she is earth. To be loved by her means to be alive, to be rooted, to be at home.

--Erich Fromm

There is no friendship, no love, like that of the mother for the child.

--Henry Ward Beecher

The mother-child relationship is paradoxical and, in a sense, tragic. It requires the most intense love on the mother's side, yet this very love must help the child grow away from the mother and to become fully independent.

--Erich Fromm

Because even if the whole world was throwing rocks at you, if you had your mother at your back, you'd be okay. Some deep-rooted part of you would know you were loved. That you deserved to be loved.

—Jojo Moyes

There will always be a few people who have the courage to love what is untamed inside us. One of those men is my father.

—Alison Lohman

My love for my father has never been touched or approached by any other love. I hold him in my heart of hearts as a man apart from all other men, as one apart from all other beings.

--Mamie Dickens

Yes, it is possible to be loved more than anybody else, more than everything else.....it is possible to find a man that will love you the way you wanted to, it is possible to be loved by a man unconditionally, it is possible to have the man of your dreams.....it is possible because it happened to me.....I love you daddy!!!!!!

—Unknown

A girl's first true love is her father.

—Marisol Santiago

A true father is always there. He is there to spill tears of happiness when his eyes fall upon his infant daughter. He is there with arms to catch her when she takes her first steps or stumbles. He is there to teach her at the youngest age, even though she might not understand half of it. He is there to help her color inside the lines, make her grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup, and tie her shoes. He is there to hug her and kiss her on her first days of school, and to walk her in if need be. He is there to teach her and tease her and laugh with her. He is always there to embarrass her, but that's part of life. He is there to tell her to go ask her mother, when her mother told her to ask him. He is there to lecture her, prepare her for the monster called high school. He is there to put up with her teenage moods and her co-ed relationships. He is there to approve, disapprove, accept and forgive. He is there to

give her a big bundle of flowers when she graduates, to smile when her name is called and feel proud. He is there to embrace her and kiss her before she goes to live and learn a thousand miles away. He is there to see her become a workingwoman, to walk her down the aisle (or not, if her independence and stubbornness prevail after all). He is there to watch her grow as the lines on his face grow. He is there to welcome her home, always, and let her hug him and smell the smell she remembers from childhood, the warm, protecting, comforting smell of dad. But most of all, he is always there to love her. And she is always there to love him back no matter where he is.

—Katie Schmarr

Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.

—Harlan Miller

Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.

—Bobby (Age 7)

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.

—Peg Bracken

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

--Hamilton Wright Mabie

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

--Dale Evans Rogers

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years... Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.

—George Matthew
Adams

Christmas—that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance—a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.

—Augusta E. Rundel

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death - and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

—Henry Van Dyke

A scientist said, making a plea for exchange scholarships between nations, 'The very best way to send an idea is to wrap it up in a person.' That was what happened at Christmas. The idea of divine love was wrapped up in a Person.

—Halford E. Luccock

Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold, clear night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love.

—Lucinda Franks

Selfishness makes Christmas a burden;

Love makes it a delight.

The joy of brightening a child's heart creates the magic of Christmas.

--William Carey Jones

Christmas

is

goodwill and compassion,

a family time,

a time for worship.

It is the glow

on a child's face.

but most of all

it is a story of love

which began

centuries ago and spread

to all the world.

--Unknown

At Christmastime, let us remember the God-given gift. Let us speak of beauty, of human warmth and kindness, of goodness, of greatness, or heroism...let us speak to one another of love.

—Unknown

Who has not loved a little child, he knows not Christmas Day.

--Martha Haskell Clark

Love is a violent recreational sport. Proceed at your own risk. Helmets, armor, and steel-toe boots are required by law.

—H. C. Payne

There's no safety in love. You risk the whole of life. But the great thing is to risk—to believe, and to risk everything for your belief.

--Elizabeth von Arnim

The years seem to rush by now, and I think of death as a fast approaching end of a journey—double and treble reasons for loving as well as working while it is day.

--George Eliot

GRANDMA DOESN'T CARE

I got some jam on her new couch,
But Grandma doesn't care.
I lost my toothbrush, dropped a glass,
My old jeans have a tear.
I tipped the cat dish on the floor,
My feet are always bare,
The way I look is a disgrace,
But, Grandma doesn't care.
She's very busy, then she sees,
The tangles in my hair
She gets a brush, I make a fuss,
But, Grandma doesn't care.
When I am grown, and on my own,
When visits become rare,
I won't forget the love I'd get
When Grandma didn't care.

—Judith Bond

DO NOT ASK ME TO REMEMBER

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.

—Owen Darnell

Time turns the old days to derision,
Our loves into corpses or wives;
And marriage and death and division
Make barren our lives.

—Algernon Charles
Swinburne

Over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one...? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

—SueAnne

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

—1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love your parents. We are so busy growing up that we often forget that they too are growing old.

—David Wolfe

Most people have a harder time letting themselves love than finding someone to love them.

—Bill Russell

One realizes the immortality of true love only after the lover dies.

--Kanza Javed

As girls, we will do anything for the person whom we love. We will scale buildings in the rain or run through fire if it means saving our love's life. There is absolutely nothing more life altering than the fire burning inside of our souls for the one we want most.

--Jennifer Elisabeth

Tis true what Hemingway says--if we're lucky enough to live our dreams in youth, as Ernest Hemingway did in 1920's Paris and I did with the Beat poets, then youth's dreams become a moveable feast you take wherever you go--youthful love remains the repast plentiful; exquisite, substantive and good. You can live on happy memories. Eat of them forever.

--Alison Winfield Burns

Love, it is said, is blind, but love is not blind. It is an extra eye, which shows us what is most worthy of regard. To see the best is to see most clearly, and it is the lover's privilege.

—J. M. Barrie

You can choose anger, you can choose fear, or you can choose love. It's not complicated.

—Lori Berger

If we seek the pleasures of love, passion should be occasional, and common sense continual.

—Robertson Davies

In itself, homosexuality is as limiting as heterosexuality: the ideal should be to be capable of loving a woman or a man; either, a human being, without feeling fear, restraint, or obligation.

—Simone de Beauvoir

Frustrated love has been the incentive for many great works.

—John N. Mitchell

I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, and then all at once.

—John Green

FIRST CORINTHIANS 13, CHRISTMAS VERSION

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust... But giving the gift of love will endure.

—Sharon Jaynes

Reading to children, even before they can understand, teaches them to associate books with love and affection.

—*Child and Youth
Network Logo*

Children fall in love with books because of the memories created when they snuggle up and read with someone they love.

—*www.raisingreaders.org*

There is no pain equal to that which two lovers can inflict on one another. This should be made clear to all who contemplate such a union. The avoidance of this pain is the beginning of wisdom, for it is strong enough to contaminate the rest of our lives.

—Cyril Connolly

There was a little eight-year-old girl in a Pennsylvania orphan asylum. She was a gangly, painfully unattractive child, with annoying mannerisms and secretive ways that set her apart from the others. She was shunned by the children and actively disliked by the teachers. The head of the institution longed only for a legitimate excuse to pack her off to a reform school, or get her out of the place some other way. One afternoon it looked as though her opportunity had arrived. The girl who was the child's very unwilling roommate reported that she was conducting a clandestine correspondence with somebody outside the grounds. 'I've seen her write these notes every day for a week now,' she reported. 'Just a little while ago she took one of them and hid it in a tree near the brick wall.'

The head of the asylum and her assistant could scarcely conceal their elation. We'll soon get to the bottom of this, they agreed. 'Show us where she left the note.' Sure enough, they found the note in the branches of the tree. The headmistress pounced on it. Then she hung her head and passed it silently to her assistant. It read: 'To whoever finds this: I love you.'

—Meyer Levin

Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone—we find it with another.

—Thomas Merton

Things are beautiful if you love them.

—Jean Anouilh

There's nothing more irresistible to a man than a woman who's in love with him.

—Ernest Lehman

To love other people is a risk; it means reaching out and giving of ourselves. When we do so, we risk frustration, rejection, failure, pain. There are no guarantees in loving, whether our love is fresh and untried, or comfortable and tested by time. To risk loving, then, we have to have the attitude of courage.

—Kim Potts

To be able to understand, accept and forgive other people's failings, even when we are hurt by them, is one of the most important attitudes we must cultivate to successfully love. Our forgiving attitude is played out on a day-to-day basis as we are consistently confronted with the humanity of the people in our lives. We can choose to forgive, or we can choose to store up our pain and hurt and allow them to destroy our love. (In such a forgiving, I am not suggesting that we don't work to change each other's faults, but such changing is not possible unless it is preceded by forgiveness.

—Kim Potts

I decided to take a break from not working so I could spend less time with my family.

—Roseanne Barr

The biggest coward of a man is to awaken the love of a woman without the intention of loving her.

—Bob Marley

It is not enough to limit your love to your own nation, to your own group. You must respond with love even to those outside of it. . . . This concept enables people to live together not as nations, but as the human race.

—Clarence Jordan

The word love has been so abused by publicity and advertisements that we no longer know really what it means.

--Jean Vanier

There are more people who wish to be loved than there are who are willing to love.

—Nicolas de Chamfort

Love is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same.

—Helen Keller

A woman one loves rarely suffices for all our needs, so we deceive her with another whom we do not love.

—Marcel Proust

To love is not a passive thing. To love is active voice. When I love I do something, I function, I give. I do not love in order that I may be loved back again, but for the

creative joy of loving. And every time I do so love I am freed, at least a little, by the outgoing of love, from enslavement to that most intolerable of master, myself.

—Bernard Iddings Bell

Don't be afraid to feel as angry or as loving as you can, because when you feel nothing, it's just death.

—Lena Horne

Put the other person ahead of you and cooperate. Love each other, in front of your children; make sure they see you do that all the time.

—Steven Provenzano

It is not the lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

I've decided that it's possible to love someone for entirely selfless reasons, for all of their flaws and weaknesses, and still not succeed in having them love you back. It's sad, perhaps, but not tragic, unless you dwell forever in the pursuit of their elusive affections.

--Cammie McGovern

There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning.

—Thornton Wilder

A handful of words, expertly woven into a fierce melody, reveal a plaintive story of crushing disappointment, framed by the strained and aching timbre of John Lennon's voice. I heard 'No Reply' for the first time when I was 10 years old. I got the album *Beatles '65* and played it on my little record player with its tweed case, in my bedroom in Casitas Springs, California. It's a song about betrayal. He saw her walk in the door with another man. He's been watching her, but it's not creepy—it's heartbreaking. He is so full of desire that he can't help himself. The shock of finding that you aren't love is the deepest cut.

—Rosanne Cash

To observe people in conflict is a necessary part of a child's education. It helps him to understand and accept his own occasional hostilities and to realize that differing opinions need not imply an absence of love.

—Milton R. Sapirstein

Love yourself first because that's who you'll be spending the rest of your life with.
—Internet Meme

Do you love me because I'm beautiful, or am I beautiful because you love me?
—Oscar Hammerstein II

The worst thing you can do for those you love is the things they could and should do themselves.
—Abraham Lincoln

I think what motivates people is not great hate, but great love for other people.
—Huey Newton

Love does not choose belief, place, time, situations, or race. love happens between two souls.
--Haidji

To love someone is to identify with them.
—Aristotle

Love without esteem cannot go far or reach high. It is an angel with only one wing.
—Alexandre Dumas

Of all the objects of hatred, a woman once loved is the most hateful.
—Max Beerbohm

Love does not just sit there, like a stone; it had to be made, like bread, remade all the time, made new.
—Ursula K. Le Guin

I may not always be with you
But when we're far apart
Remember you will be with me
Right inside my heart.
—Marc Wambolt

Falling in love is very real, but I used to shake my head when people talked about soul mates, poor deluded individuals grasping at some supernatural ideal not intended for mortals but sounded pretty in a poetry book. Then, we met, and everything changed, the cynic has become the converted, the sceptic, an ardent zealot.
—E. A. Bucchianeri

Love is a clash of lightnings.

—Pablo Neruda

I am inhabited by a cry.
Nightly it flaps out
Looking, with its hooks, for something to love.

—Sylvia Plath

I am too full of life
to be half-loved.

—Ijeoma Umebinyuo

When we leave this world, we give up all our possessions and our memories. Love is the only thing we take with us. It is all we carry from one life to the next.

—Lang Leav

He loves me, he loves me not. How many flowers must I kill before he loves me?

—Kimberly Kinrade

We often choose a friend as we do a mistress—for no particular excellence in themselves, but merely from some circumstance that flatters our self-love.

—William Hazlitt

Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary.

—Oscar Wilde

You don't love someone for their looks, or their clothes, or for their fancy car, but because they sing a song only you can hear.

—Oscar Wilde

When love is in excess it brings a man no honor nor any worthiness.

—Euripides

The heart that's meant to love you will fight for you when you want to give up, pick you up when you're feeling down, and will give their smile when it's hard for you to find yours. They will NEVER get strength from seeing you weak, power from seeing you hurt, or joy from seeing you cry. The heart that's meant to love you wants to see the BEST YOU, not the hurt you! Never forget that.

—Trent Shelton

Respond to your
children with love in
their worst moments
their broken moments
their angry moments
their selfish moments
their lonely moments
their frustrated moments
their inconvenient moments
because it is in their most
unlovable human moments
that they most need to feel loved.

—L. R. Knost

There's a wound most troubled boys share, which, at its core, comes from the feeling that they don't have their father's unconditional love.

—Clayton Lessor

So long as we are loved by others I should say that we are almost indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Rebuke without love is abuse. But, a love that would never rebuke? I dare to admit that that, too, would be a kind of abuse.

—Criss Jami

The truth was, you're happier when you're needed and stronger when you're loved.

—Penelope Douglas

Love was always and only about good feeling. In early adolescence when we were whipped and told that these punishments were 'for our own good' or 'I'm doing this because I love you,' my siblings and I were confused. Why was harsh punishment a gesture of love? As children do, we pretended to accept this grown-up logic; but we knew in our hearts it was not right. We knew it was a lie. Just like the lie the grown-ups told when they explained after the harsh punishment, 'This hurts me more than it hurts you.' There is nothing that creates more confusion about love in the minds and hearts of children than unkind and/or cruel punishment meted out by the grown-ups they have been taught should love and respect. Such children learn early on to question the meaning of love, to yearn for love even as they doubt it exists.

—Bell Hooks

You cannot change someone using fear, degradation, humiliation, or by comparing them to others. It can only be done through love, with love, for love.

—Suzy Kassem

If you don't fill your days with love, you are wasting your life.

—James Broughton

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.

—Dalai Lama

Love is the difficult realization that something other than oneself is real.

—Iris Murdoch

Reason is not what decides love.

—Moliere

Only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love.

—George Eliot

In love, women are professionals, men are amateurs.

—Francois Truffaut

My children are the most important aspect of my life, and the love of a child is the strongest love there is. You don't actually realize it until you have a child. To me raising, nurturing and experiencing all that a child provides is the true meaning of a complete life.

—Dan L. Miller

If you've been married for 400 years, as I have, it's nice to experience first love again and you can vicariously through a book.

—E. L. James

Through the characters, we get to fall in love every time we pick up a romance novel. What could be better than that?

—Lori Wilde

Do you know what drives the world? Love, not sex. Love, not money. Love for our children, our mates, our friends, and our family.

—Jennifer Probst

All life is just a progression toward, and then a recession from, one phrase—‘I love you.’

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

The aching in my chest
isn't because I miss you,
it's realizing that you have
become someone I no longer know,
your fears, your 4 am thoughts,
your achievements,
are things I no longer have an equivalent to.
Who we were and who we are
are four different people,
and the me from now
doesn't relate to the me from then,
let alone to the you from now.

—Tanzy Sayadi

Love is the seed of every achievement and every happiness

—Debasish Mridha

Here is a lesson that can be learned only when one reaches the distant borders of life: Like the ocean, love has its high and low tides, controlled by some mysterious force. There is nothing like the ecstasy of the high tides of devotion,. But one must also contend with the low tides, when doubts arise. The truest love requires the patience to wade through those low tides, knowing the high tides will come again. The irony of the endgame is that the high tide is at its highest, and there is no low tide. Today my total recall feels like a curse, but I am hopeful that someday, like the tides, that feeling will recede and I will still have our memories. My most fervent wish is that at some point before my sweetheart's demise, the dark cloud will lift, her eyes will brighten and, for even one brief moment, she will smile at me and squeeze my hand in recognition.

—Warren Adler

Love those who will love you when you have nothing to offer but your company.

—*lovequotesimg.com*

Love is rare and hard to find and takes years upon years to develop. Teenagers don't fall in love.

—Kody Keplinger

For so many years, I couldn't understand why every time I thought that someone finally loved me, like... for real, they would eventually turn to vapor. Every person whom I've ever loved is trapped inside of my chest. I've breathed all of them in so deeply that I've nearly choked and died on every soul that I've ever given myself to.

—Jennifer Elisabeth

Love and a cough
cannot be concealed.
Even a small cough.
Even a small love.

—Anne Sexton

I thought an hour ago that I loved you more than any woman has ever loved a man, but a half hour after that I knew that what I felt before was nothing compared to what I felt then. But ten minutes after that, I understood that my previous love was a puddle compared to the high seas before a storm.

—William Goldman

You always end up back where you started: hungry for the one thing everybody loses—young loving.

—Toni Morrison

It is also good to love: because love is difficult. For one human being to love another human being: that is perhaps the most difficult task that has been entrusted to us, the ultimate task, the final test and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation. That is why young people, who are beginners in everything, are not yet capable of love: it is something they must learn.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

I can't quite figure out the difference between loving someone and loving things about them.

—Corey Ann Haydu

To love and be loved, that is the miracle of youth.

—Victor Hugo

It is the loving that counts, not the being loved in return...true loving can never know anything but happiness.

—Dodie Smith

For me, the real issues of our time are the issues of every time—the hurt and wonder of loving; making in all its forms—children, loaves of bread, paintings, buildings; and the conservation of life of all people in all places, the jeopardizing of which no abstract doubletalk of ‘peace’ or ‘implacable foes’ can excuse.

—Sylvia Plath

I love her, and that’s the beginning and end of everything.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

If they substituted the word ‘Lust’ for ‘Love’ in the popular songs it would come nearer the truth.

—Sylvia Plath

WAS IT THE GIRL OR THE TIME?

We once had youth, beauty, passion, joy.
She was my world, my cherished love.
Shapely, dainty, playful, fair—
My barefoot flower child.
Ours was the perfect world—
worry-free for her and me.

A life gone by, she still appears,
A vision now—yesteryear’s amour.
Her surreal visage charms me still.
Do I hold dear the girl or just the dream?
The time’s long gone,
And, sadly, so is she.

—Dan L. Miller

OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The day occurs just once a year,
When lovers muse as one.
“But don’t you know that’s just not so?
For I delight not once a year
But every hour, every day
And bless this love we share as one.”

—Dan L. Miller

FOREVER SEVENTEEN

Soft, cherub cheeks so eager for my touch.
Your childlike play so sweet.
With midnight eyes
And flowing hair
I'd often grasp to pull you close.

Our time was short, our passion free.
My first love left an imprint on my heart
I carry to this day.

So now at sixty-three—
Alive or not.
You are to me—
Forever Seventeen.

—Dan L. Miller

The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love.

—Hubert H. Humphrey

A little girl asked her brother 'What is love?'
He replied: 'Love is when you steal my chocolate from my lunch bag every day...and
I still hide it in the same place.'

—Internet Meme