

125_Ode_To_Henry_Thoreau

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| 01. | C G D
"To be awake is to be alive" ⁶⁵
"Elastic and vigorous thoughts
Keep pace with the sun
(Making) the day a perpetual morning" ⁶⁵ | 08. | C G D
"I watched a pair of hen hawks
Circling high in the sky
... Soaring and descending, approaching and leaving ...
As if ... the embodiment of my thoughts" ¹¹⁰ |
| 02. | "We ... forget the sun looks on
Our cultivated fields and on the prairies
And forests without distinction" ¹¹⁴
While "they attach me to the earth" ¹⁰⁷ | 09. | "Solitude is not measured by miles ...
Between a man and his fellows" ⁹⁵
"There was pasture enough
For my imagination" ⁶³ |
| 03. | "We can never have enough of nature" ²¹¹
Standing "in the laboratory
Of the artist who
Made the world and (made) me" ²⁰³ | 10. | "What do we want to dwell near to?
... The perennial source of our life
... As the willow stands near the water
And sends out its roots in that direction" ⁹³ |
| 04. | "A lake is the landscape's most beautiful ...
Feature. The earth's eye.
Looking into which the beholder measures
The depth of his own nature" ¹²⁸ | 11. | "Plant ... seeds, if the seed is not lost,
As sincerity, truth, simplicity,
Faith, innocence, and the like
And see if they will not grow" ¹¹³ |
| 05. | "I struck the ice with the head of my ax
It resounded like a gong for many rods around
... The pond began to boom ... an hour after sunrise ...
Stretch(ing) itself and yawn(ing) like a waking man" ²⁰⁰ | 12. | "Some of my most pleasant hours
Were ... (when) my thoughts had time
To take root and unfold themselves" ¹⁹³
To "really improve ... neither past, present, nor future" ⁷¹ |
| 06. | "Such is the contrast
Between winter and spring
Walden was dead
And is alive again" ²⁰⁷ | 13. | "The bullet of your thought
Must ... overcome its ... ricochet motion
... Before it reaches the ear of the hearer
Else it may plow out ... the side of his head" ⁹⁸ |
| 07. | "A single gentle rain
Makes the grass many shades greener
So our prospects brighten
On the influx of better thoughts" ²⁰⁹ | 14. | "My thoughts have left no track
And I can not find them again" ¹⁵²
"If you build castles in the air
Your work need not be lost" ²¹⁵ |

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 "The thrills of joy and ... of pain
 Are indistinguishable"¹²⁹
 Perhaps "he hears a different drummer
 Let him step to the music he hears"²¹⁶
16. C G D
 "To maintain one's self on this earth
 Is not a hardship but a pass time
 If we will live simply and wisely?"⁵³
 "No toil(ing) at the bidding of any prince"⁴³
17. C G D
 "Instead of noblemen
 Let us have noble villages of men"⁷⁸
 "To act collectively is according
 To the spirit of our institutions"⁷⁸
18. C G D
 "The best thing a man can do
 For his culture when he is rich
 Is to endeavor to carry out those schemes
 Which he entertained when he was poor"²³¹
19. C G D
 "Civilization has been
 Improving our houses
 ... Not equally improv(ing)
 The men who inhabit them"²⁸
20. C G D
 "It is best to avoid the beginnings of evil"⁵⁰
 "Faith is the root"⁴⁹
 "There are thousands hacking at the branches of evil
 To one who is striking the root"⁵⁶

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 "Water is the only drink for a wise man"¹⁴⁷
 "Even music may be intoxicating"¹⁴⁷
 "Chastity is the flowering of man"¹⁴⁷
 "All news, as it is called, is gossip"⁶⁸
22. C G D
 "Most men think differently
 From myself"²³⁸ and do not see
 "There is no odor as bad as that
 Which arises from goodness tainted"⁵⁵
23. C G D
 "Rather than love, than money
 Than fame, give me truth"²¹⁹
 "Every nail driven should be as
 Another rivet in the machine of the universe"²¹⁹
24. C G D
 "The universe is wider
 Than our view of it"²¹²
 "Nothing can deter a poet
 For he is actuated by pure love"¹⁷⁹
25. C G D
 "My ... calling is to do the good
 Which society demands of me"⁵⁴
 Carving the "medium through which we look
 Which morally. We can do"⁶⁵
26. C G D
 ""To save the universe
 From annihilation"⁵⁴
 Writing a simple verse
 Good vibrations to hasten