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Quotes about Absence

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Absence and death are the same -- only that in death there is no suffering.

- Landor, Walter Savage

Where you used to be, there is a hole in the world, which I find myself constantly walking around in the daytime, and falling in at night. I miss you like hell.

- Millay, Edna St. Vincent

The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.

- Ouida

A short absence is the safest.

- Ovid

Let me tell you I am better acquainted with you for a long absence, as men are with themselves for a long affliction: absence does but hold off a friend, to make one see him the truer.

- Pope, Alexander

Never find fault with the absent.

- Proverb

Absence and a friendly neighbor washes away love.

- Proverb

Failing to be there when a man wants her is a woman's greatest sin, except to be there when he doesn't want her.

- Rowland, Helen

How like a winter hath my absence been. From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year!
What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen, What old December's bareness
everywhere!

- Shakespeare, William

Parting is such sweet sorrow.

- Shakespeare, William

When delicate and feeling souls are separated, there is not a feature in the sky, not a movement of the elements, not an aspiration of the breeze, but hints some cause for a lover's apprehension.

- Sheridan, Richard Brinsley

Greater things are believed of those who are absent.

- Tacitus, Publius Cornelius

Absence does not make the heart grow fonder, but it sure heats up the blood.

- Ashley, Elizabeth

Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

- Bayly, Thomas Haynes

I was court-martial in my absence, and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence.

- Behan, Brendan F.

Separation penetrates the disappearing person like a pigment and steeps him in gentle radiance.

- Benjamin, Walter

Woman absent is woman dead.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The heart may think it knows better: the senses know that absence blots people out. We really have no absent friends. The friend becomes a traitor by breaking, however unwillingly or sadly, out of our own zone: a hard judgment is passed on him, for all the pleas of the heart.

- Bowen, Elizabeth

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No man is so perfect, so necessary to his friends, as to give them no cause to miss him less.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

No more we meet in yonder bowers
Absence has made me prone to roving;
But older, firmer hearts than ours,
Have found monotony in loving.

- Byron, Lord

Absence -- that common cure of love.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Our hours in love have wings; in absence, crutches.

- Cibber, Colley

It takes time for the absent to assume their true shape in our thoughts. After death they take on a firmer outline and then cease to change.

- Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle

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

despair.

- Cowper, William

Absence of proof is not proof of absence.

- Cowper, William

The absent are never without fault. Nor the present without excuse.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens it.

- Fuller, Thomas

The people who are absent are the ideal; those who are present seem to be quite commonplace.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Talk well of the absent whenever you have the opportunity.

- Hale, Sir Matthew

Achilles absent was Achilles still!

- Homer

Separated lovers cheat absence by a thousand fancies which have their own reality. They

are prevented from seeing one another and they cannot write; nevertheless they find countless mysterious ways of corresponding, by sending each other the song of birds, the scent of flowers, the laughter of children, the light of the sun, the sighing of the wind, and the gleam of the stars --all the beauties of creation.

- Hugo, Victor

When a man is out of sight, it is not too long before he is out of mind.

- Kempis, Thomas

Absence diminishes little passions and increases great ones, as wind extinguishes candles and fans a fire.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De



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