

Memory Café Amusement Arcade 44.

When Insults had Class.

A Member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy"

Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire"

Winston Churchill

"I never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure"

Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to a dictionary".

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemmingway)

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain

"He had no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

Oscar Wilde

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play: bring a friend if you have one."

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend the first night, will attend the second – if there is one."

Winston Churchill in response

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."

John Bright

"I have just learned about his illness. Let's hope that it is nothing trivial."

Irvin S Cobb

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."

Paul Keating

"In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily."

Charles, Count Tallyrand

"He loves nature despite what it did to him."

Forrest Tucker

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

Mae West

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it."

Groucho Marx

Confrontation.



A red squirrel and a woodpecker argue over the ownership of nuts! Mammals 0–0 Dinosaurs
I'm a Rambler.

Oh, I'm a rambler from Manchester way
I get all me pleasure the hard moorland way
I may be a wage-slave on Monday
But I am a free man on Sunday

I once loved a maid, a spot welder by trade
She was fair as the Rowan in bloom
And the bloom of her eye matched the blue moorland sky
I wooed her from April to June
On the day that we should have married
I went for a ramble instead
For sooner than part with the mountains
I think I would rather be dead.

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Ewan MacColl (1933)

Inspired by the mass trespass on Kinder which became designated as a National Nature Reserve in 2009

