Quotations (characters in plays)

The Tempest

Ferdinand
“Though the seas threaten, they are merciful; I haven’t cured them without cause.”

Stephano
“What’s the matter? Have we devils here? Do you put tricks upon’s with savages and men of Ind, ha?”
“This will prove a brave kingdom to me, where I shall have my music for nothing.”

Trinculo
“I should know that the voice; it should be but he is drowned, and these and these devils O defend me!”
“A howling monster; a drunken monster!”

Miranda
“Your tale, sir, would cure deafness.” (Act I Scene 2)

Prospero
“Try false uncle…new created
The creatures that were mine…act all hears I’th’state
To what tune pleased his ear that now he was
The cry which hid my princely trunk.
And such my venture out on’t…”

Sebastian:
“I feel not this deity in my bosom.”
“Now I will believe that there are unicorns.”
**Waiting for Godot**

Vladimir
“There’s man all over for you: blaming on his boots the faults of his feet.”
“We are all born mad. Some remain so.”

Lucky

“That is to say blast hell to heaven so blue still and calm so calm with a calm which even though intermittent is better than nothing.” (page 43)

Godot

“The tears of the world are a constant quantity for each one who begins to weep somewhere else another stops. The same is true of the laugh.”

Pozzo:

“One day we were born, one day we shall die, the same day, the same second, is that not enough for you?”
“One, don’t question me? The blind have no notion of time.”

**A Streetcar Named Desire**

Steve:

“I got a space flush…” Act I Scene
“Now look at what you’ve done.” Act II Scene 1

Allan Grey

“Then I found out. In the worst of all possible ways.”
“…the boy I married and an older man who had never been his friend for years.”

Stella Kowalski:

“There are things that happen between a man and a woman in the dark – that sort of make everything else seem unimportant.”
“I couldn’t believe her story and go on living with Stanley.”
Stanley Kowalski:

“Be comfortable. That is my motto up where I come from. You gonna shack up here? Well, I guess I’m gonna strike you as being the unrefined type, huh? “How ’bout cuttin’ the re-bop?”

Shep Huntleigh

Blanche: “Mr Shep Huntleigh, I wrote his ATC fin my last year at college…I ran into him on Biscayne Boulevard. Then - - just now- - this wire - - inviting me on a cruise of the Caribbean!”

Blanche: “What he wants is my companionship. Having great wealth sometimes makes people lonely. A cultivated woman, a woman of intelligence and breeding, can enrich a man’s life.”

Blanche

“You haven’t said a word about my appearance.”
“I am not very well.”
“I don’t tell the truth, I tell you what ought to be the truth.”

Eunice

[defensively, noticing Blanche’s look]: “It’s sort of messed up right now but when it’s clean it’s real sweet”

Scene 1
Eunice: “You can’t beat a woman an’ then call ‘er back! She won’t come.”

Mitch: 

Scene 3:
Mitch: “I guess we strike you as being a pretty rough bunch.”
Mitch: “You need somebody. And I need somebody, too. Could it be – you and me, Blanche?”
Death of a Salesman

The Woman
Act One:
“The Woman: Sure thing. You make me laugh. It’s good for me. And I think you’re a wonder man.
Willy: You picked me, hehe?
The Woman: Sure, because you’re sweet. And such a kidder.”
She compliments him and makes him feel appreciated.

Act Two:
“The Woman: Willy, Willy, are you going to get up, get up, get up, get up?
She gets irritated easily and she is persistent.

Howard Wagner:

Act two:
“Howard: Sh! Get his now, this is my son.
…
Howard (holding up five fingers) five years old, Willy!”
He is bragging about his children’s accomplishments.

Act two:
“Howard: Then that’s that, heh?”
He makes Willy’s decisions for them and doesn’t give them time to explain.

Biff:
“Why am I trying to become what I don’t want to be…when all I want out there, waiting for me the minute I say I know who I am.”
“He had the wrong dreams. All, all wrong…he never knew who he was.”

Willy

“Be like and you will never want.”
“Business is bad, it’s murderous. But not for me, of course.”

Happy
“Dad is never so happy as when he’s looking forward to something.”
Linda

“Why must everybody conquer the world?”
“His blue suit. He’s so handsome in that suit. He could be a anything in that suit!”