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## Did You Know

“When you have yourself and your horse fully schooled, you just blink and he does it. You may think it’s not possible, but it is”.

Franz Mairinger,  
Great Horseman &  
Instructor, Spanish  
Riding School Vienna

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## The Symbol of Power and Freedom

Ask me to show you poetry in motion and I will show you a horse.

A symbol of power and freedom. A teacher of non predatory power and freedom through relationship. Those open and adventurous enough to the ways of horses can’t help but become more confident, balanced and peaceful, more open to the beauty and sacredness of life.

Long before first being

hunted as food, cave drawings depicting horse’s magnificence have been recorded around the world. No matter the country or culture of those peoples ironically the horse did the capturing - the imaginations and desires of those people to partner with the horse.

So began 6,000 years ago the journey of the horse’s impact on our lives. From carrying hunters, knights,

soldiers, explorers, children to school, mail, ploughing fields or horse racing where the magnificent horse still remains the centerpiece for our entertainment.

These pieces help show the versatility and impact of the horse, through history, theatre, odes and oddities on our lives. The spirit of mateship and audacity has attracted many a poet and writer. [We invite](#) you to share your poetry with us if you’ve put such to paper.

*with Compliments*

## Odes to the Horse

**This** strong but timid creature  
That responds so abruptly to fear  
Made me gentle and taught me to listen  
And never let anger appear.

**Horses** have tested my mettle.  
Made me control my emotional state.  
Put aside frustration and anger,  
And learn to communicate.

**From horses** I’ve learned about people,  
For we are but beasts, don’t you see?

**They’ve helped** me learn my own species,  
And best, to understand me.



Dr Robert M Miller *After Thirty Years, 1986*



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*"If they don't break your  
**body**, they can  
certainly break your  
**heart**."*

**J.T. McLeod**



## Ode to the Horse

Where in this wide world can man  
find nobility without pride,  
friendship without envy or beauty  
without vanity?

Here, where grace is laced with  
muscle and strength by gentleness  
confined.

He serves without servility; he has  
fought without enmity.

There is nothing so powerful,  
nothing less violent,  
there is nothing so quick, nothing  
more patient.

Our past has been borne on his  
back.

All our history is his industry; we  
are his heirs, he our inheritance.  
The Horse!

**Anon**

A horse is the projection of  
*peoples' dreams* about themselves  
- strong, powerful, beautiful - and it  
has the capability of giving us  
escape from our mundane  
existence.

**Pam Brown**

The horse through all its trials has  
preserved the sweetness of  
paradise in its blood.

**Johannes Jensen**

The horse, the horse!  
The symbol of surging potency and  
power of movement,  
of action, in man.

**D.H. Lawrence**

To ride a horse is to ride the sky.  
**Unknown**

A pony is a childhood dream.  
A horse is an adulthood treasure.  
**Rebecca Carroll**

Horseriding is always an  
experience. An emotional  
experience often spoiled by words.  
**Beryl Markham**

Adventure is worthwhile in itself.  
**Amerlia Earhart**

## Balance

When your day seems out of  
balance-  
And so many things go wrong.  
When people fight around you  
And the day drags on so long.

When parents act like children  
In-laws make you think "Divorce."  
Go out into your pasture...  
Wrap your arms around your horse.

His gentle breath enfolds you,  
And he watches with those eyes.  
He may not have a PhD  
But he is oh so wise!

His head rests on your shoulder  
You embrace him oh so tight.  
He puts your world in balance.  
And makes it seem all right.

Your tears they soon stop flowing.  
The tension is now eased.  
The garbage has been lifted  
And your quiet and at peace.

So when you need the balance.  
From circumstances in your day  
The best therapy that you can seek-  
Is out there chomping hay!  
**Maryanne Miller**

## Odes to the Horse

.....the horse knows the rider in ways the rider cannot fathom.

**Vicki Hearne**

### Madness

Why do I like horses?  
I reckon I must be mad.  
My mother wasn't horsey  
And neither was my dad.

But the madness hit me early  
And it hit me like a curse.  
And I've never gotten better  
In fact I've gotten worse.

My stables are immaculate.  
My house is like a hovel.  
Last year for my birthday  
I got a brand new shovel.

I hardly read a paper  
But I know who's sold their horse  
And I wouldn't watch the news  
If Mr. Ed was on, of course.

One eye's always on the heavens  
But my washing waves in vain  
As I rush to get the horses in  
In case it's gonna rain.

And though they're wearing 15 rugs,  
The best that you can get,  
I bring them in to keep them dry  
While I get soaking wet.

I spend up every cent I've got  
On horsey stuff for sure.  
I buy fancy rugs and fancy rugs,  
And then I buy some more.

I should have had that hair cut  
Or bought that nice blue shirt  
At least it wouldn't be now  
Ripped to shreds and in the dirt.

I can't make a bloody sponge  
cake  
I don't even try  
But I can back a car and trailer  
In the twinkling of an eye.

It's pants and R.M. boots  
That I live in night and day  
And that smell of sweaty horses  
Just doesn't wash away.

Once in every... now and then  
I can dress up for a ball.  
Make up and a hairdo  
With high heel shoes and all.

I ache from long forgotten falls.  
My knees have got no skin.  
My toes have gone a funny  
shape.  
From being squashed again.

But late at night, when all is still  
And I've gone to give them hay,  
I touch their velvet softness  
And my worries float away.

They give a gentle nicker  
And they nuzzle through my hair  
And I know it's where my heart is  
More than anywhere.

**Anon**



## Odes to the Horse



*Breed the best to the best  
and hope for the best.*

**Breeders Axiom**

I saw a child that couldn't walk, sit  
on a horse, laugh and talk.  
I saw a child who could only crawl,  
mount a horse and sit up tall.  
I saw a child born into strife, take  
up and hold the reins of life.  
And that same child was heard to  
say, thank God for showing me the  
way.

**John Anthony Davis**

To many, the words love, hope,  
and dreams are synonymous with  
horses.

**Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr**

Horse sense is the thing a horse  
has which keeps it from betting on  
people.

**W.C. Fields**

Through the days of love and  
celebration and joy, and through  
the dark days of mourning, the  
faithful horse has been with us  
always.

**Elizabeth Cotton**

If God had intended man to walk  
He would have given him four legs.

Instead he gave him two,  
One to put on either side of a  
horse.

**Anon**

Of all animals kept for the  
recreation of mankind, the horse is  
alone capable of exciting a passion  
that shall be absolutely hopeless.

**Bret Harte**

To come face to face with my fantasy,  
To once again feel whole. To look into  
your eyes and realize the depth of my  
own soul.

**Tina Bastian, Iron Horse**

Talk to me of everyday things,  
And I am likely to ignore you;  
However speak to me of horses,  
And you will have my full attention.

**Old Saying**

You break your nose  
You break a window  
You break a promise  
All of which prove to be negative  
experiences.

So why would you break a horse?  
A horse is *started* on a journey of a  
lifetime of learning. He is your  
partner, and once he is broken, you  
may never be able to fix him, or it may  
take a lifetime to try.

**Anon**

An horse is a vain thing for safety.  
**Psalms 33 v17**

With horses, we go places we could  
never go alone.

Horses aren't my whole life,  
But they make my life whole.

**Lindsay Stewart**

Whoever said that money cannot  
buy happiness didn't know where  
to buy a horse.

**Anon**



## Great Quotes from Great Leaders



God forbid that I should go to any heaven is which they are no horses.  
**In a letter to President Roosevelt**

The outside of a horse is good for  
 the inside of a man  
**Winston Churchill**

Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby,  
 to be picked up and laid down like a  
 game of Solitaire.  
 It is a grand passion.  
**Ralph Waldo Emerson**



You cannot love a car the way you  
 love a horse. The horse brings out  
 human feelings the way machines  
 cannot do. Things like machines  
 may develop or neglect certain  
 things in people... Machines make  
 our life impersonal and stultify  
 elements in us and create an  
 impersonal environment.  
**Albert Einstein**

There is no secret so close as that  
 between a rider and his horse.  
**Robert S. Surtees, 800A.D.**



His mane is like a river flowing,  
 And his eyes like embers glowing.  
 In the darkness of the night,  
 And his pace as swift as light.  
**Bryan Waller Proctor, The Blood Horse**

You have freedom when you're easy  
 in your harness.  
**Robert Frost**

Some are pleased to say, that horses  
 are void of understanding, because  
 men get the better of them: but when  
 the horse gets the better of the man,  
 which frequently happens, is the man  
 then void of understanding?  
**William Cavendish, Duke of Newcastle, c1658**

Life is mostly froth and bubble,  
 Two things stand like stone,  
 Kindness in another's trouble,  
 Courage in your won.  
**Adam Lindsay Gordon**

Without a horse and a dog and a  
 friend, a man would perish.  
**Rudyard Kipling**

I can make a General in five minutes  
 But a good horse is hard to replace.  
**Abraham Lincoln**

Men are better when riding, more just  
 and more understanding, and more  
 alert and more at ease and more  
 under-taking, and better knowing of all  
 countries and all passages.  
**Edward, Duke of York**

Half the failures in life arise from pullin  
 in one's horse as he is leaping.  
**Julius and Augustus Hare, Guesses at Truth**

"Reality....Wow! What a concept."  
**Robin Williams**

## Great Quotes from Great Leaders



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*No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.*

**Sir Winston Churchill**

### Two Important Rules of Riding

The first is to mount the horse.

The second is to stay mounted.

**John Mortimer**

Horses and poets should be fed, not overfed.

**Charles II of England**

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.

**Helen Keller**

If a horse becomes more beautiful in the course of his work, it is a sign that the training principles are correct.

**Colonel Podhajsky**

If anyone expects to calm a horse down by tiring him out with riding swiftly and far, his supposition is the reverse of the truth.

**Xenophon**

I should like to be a horse.

**Queen Elizabeth II,**

When asked as a child of her ambitions.

When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have.

**Winston Churchill**

No matter how much machinery replaces the horse, the work is still measured in horsepower.

**Marguerite Henry**

A racehorse is an animal that can take several thousand people for a ride at the same time.

**Herbert Prochnow**

Don't give your son money. As far as you can afford it, give him horses.

**Winston Churchill**

I never kept racehorses. They kept me.

**Horatio Bottomley**

Treat a horse like a woman and a woman like a horse.

And they'll both win for you.

**Elizabeth Arden**

If a man treats his wife like a thoroughbred, she'll never grow into an old nag.

**Anon**

No whisper of love could stir me, As hooves of the horse have stirred me!

**William Henry Ogilvie**

There's something about having a horse between my knees that makes it easier to sort out a problem.

**Ronald Reagan, ex-USA President**

## Great Quotes from Great Leaders



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*Misfortunes arrive on horseback  
And depart on foot.  
French proverb*



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*Our greatest glory is not in never falling,  
but in rising every time we fall.*

**Confucius**



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*As distance shows a horse's strength,  
so time reveals a persons heart.  
Chinese proverb*



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*When you're young and you fall off a horse,  
You may break something.  
When you're my age, you splatter.*

**Roy Rogers**

## Cultural Connections

The wind of heaven is that which  
blows between a horse's ears.  
**Arabian proverb**

Horse, thou art truly a creature  
without equal,  
for thou fliest without wings and  
conquerest without sword  
**The Koran**

And God took a handful of southerly  
wind, blew His breath over it and  
created the horse  
**Bedouin Legend**

The horse is God's gift to mankind.  
**Arabian Proverb**

A horse is worth more than riches.  
**Spanish Proverb**

And the breed of horses they reared  
could not be surpassed in the world.  
They were made of fire and flame,  
and not of dull, heavy earth.  
**Encyclopedia of the Fairies**

Gypsy gold does not clink and glitter.  
It gleams in the sun  
and neighs in the dark.  
**Gypsy saying, County Galway, Ireland**

Honour lies in the mane of a horse.  
**Arabic proverb**

Live not in that city where no horse  
neighs, nor dog barks.  
**Hindi proverb**

It is not enough for a man to know how to  
ride; he must know how to fall.  
**Mexican Proverb**

God's best designers,  
As a mater of course,  
Did their best work  
When designing the horses.

From the tip of his ears  
To the arch of the crest,  
The withers, the back,  
The croup and the rest.

A proud horse in motion  
Is a beautiful sight.  
That warms the heart  
And fills the eyes with delight.

And nowhere in nature  
Is there a beast as beautiful and useful?  
As the horse in his least.

So it makes me believe,  
Though He has much to do,  
That in his spare time,  
God is a horseman too.  
**Anon**

When Allah created the horse,  
he said to the wind,  
I will that a creature proceed from thee.  
Condense thyself.  
And the wind condensed itself and  
the result was the horse.  
**Marguerite Henry, King of the Wind**

Has thou given the horse strength?  
Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?  
**Job 39:19**

If wishes were horses,  
then beggars would ride.  
**Old Scottish Proverb**



*May your descendants  
ride in chariots.  
**Chinese good luck wish.***



## Shakespeare & Co

To turn and wind a fiery Pegasus,  
And witch the world with noble horsemanship.  
**William Shakespeare, Henry V**

He is pure air and fire; and the dull elements of  
earth and water never appear in him.  
**William Shakespeare, Henry V**

Through his mane and tail the high wind signs,  
fanning the hairs, who wave like feather'd wings.  
**Shakespeare**

When I am bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk: he  
trots the air; the earth sings when he touches it;  
the pipe of Hermes...he is pure air and fire...the  
prince of palfreys; his neigh is like the bidding of a  
monarch and his countenance enforces homage.  
**William Shakespeare, Henry V**

The ego's relation to the id might be compared to  
that of the rider to his horse. The horse supplies  
the locomotive energy, while the rider has the  
privilege of deciding on the goal and of guiding the  
powerful animal's movement.  
**Sigmund Freud, *New Introductory Lectures on  
Psychoanalysis***

Men are generally more careful of the breeding of  
their horses and dogs than of their children.  
**William Penn, Some fruits of solitude in reflections and  
maxims relating to the conduct of human life.**

Must we drag on this stupid existence forever,  
So idly and weary, so full of remorse,  
While everyone else takes his pleasure,  
and never seems happy unless  
he is riding a horse?  
**Edward Lear**

The iron bit he crushes 'tween his teeth,  
Controlling what he was controlled with.  
**William Shakespeare, *Venus and Adonis***

A horse though knowest,  
A man thou dost not know.  
**Lord Tennyson**

I heard a neigh,  
Oh, such a brisk and melodious neigh it was.  
My very heart leaped with the sound.  
**Nathaniel Hawthorne**

Go anywhere in England, where there are natural,  
wholesome, contented and really nice people, and  
what do you always find?  
That the stables are the real centre of the  
household.  
**George Bernard Shaw**

What delight to back the flying steed that  
challenges the wind for speed!  
Whose soul is in his task, turns labour into sport!  
**James Sheridan Knowles**

What a creature he was!  
Never have I felt such a horse between my knees,  
His great haunches gathered under him  
with every stride,  
And he shot forward ever faster and faster  
Stretched like a greyhound,  
while the wind beat in my face  
And whistled past my ears.  
**Sir Arthur Doyal, *The Adventures of Gerard***

The seat on a horse makes gentleman of some  
and grooms of others.  
**Cervantes, *Don Quixote***

## Bush Poetry



Bushwhackers ride *with* their horses, not *on* them.

**PR Stephensen**,  
*The Bushwhackers*, 1929

The hospitality of the bush never extends  
to the loan of a good horse to an inexperienced rider.  
**Barbara Baynton**, 'Bush Church', *Bush Studies*, 1902

We are heathen who worship an idol  
We keep for our pleasure and pride,  
We are slaves of the saddle and bridle,  
Yet kings of the earth when we ride!  
**Will Ogilvie**, 'Kings of the Earth', *Fair Girls and Gray Horses*, 1898

And one was there, a stripling on a small and weedy beast;  
He was something like a racehorse undersized,  
With a touch of Timor pony - three parts thorough-bred at least –  
And such as are by mountain horsemen prized.  
He was hard and tough and wiry - just the sort that won't say die –  
There was courage in his quick impatient tread;  
And he bore the badge of gameness in his bright and fiery eye,  
And the proud and lofty carriage of his head.  
**AB Paterson**, 'The Man from Snowy River', *The Man from Snowy River*, 1895

There's a little worn out pony this side of Hogan's shack  
With a snip upon his muzzle and a mark upon his back;  
Just a common little pony is what most people say,  
But I doubt if there's his equal in the pony world today.

The little child was there unhurt but shivering with fear,  
And Hogan told us, 'Yes thank god, the pony brought her here.'  
**Barcroft Boake**, *On the Range*

The 'super's' daughter we knew would chide  
If we left the dog in the desert wide;  
So we brought him far o'er the burning sand  
For a parting stroke of her small white hand.

But long ere the station was seen ahead,  
His pain was o'er, for the dog was dead;  
And the folks all knew by our looks of gloom  
'Twas a comrade's corpse that we carried home.  
**Henry Lawson**, *The Cattle Dog's Death*



## Bush Poetry

On the wings of the morning they gather and fly,  
In the hush of the night time I hear them go by,  
The horses of memory thundering through  
With flashing white fetlocks all wet with the dew.  
**William H. Ogilvie**, *The Hooves of Horses*

I'm a stockman to my trade and they call me 'Ugly Dave,'  
I'm old and grey and only got one eye.  
In a yard, I'm good, of course, but just pout me on a horse  
And I'll go where lots of young 'uns daren't try!

I'll lead them through the gidgee, over country rough and ridgy,  
I'll lose them in the very worst of scrub.  
I can ride both rough and easy, with a dewdrop, I'm a daisy!  
And a right down bobby dazzler in a pub!  
**Barcroft Boake**, *The Flash Stockman*

Yet if man, of all the Creator plann'd,  
His noblest work is reckoned,  
Of the works of His hand, by sea or by land,  
The horse may at least rank second.  
**Adam Lindsay Gordon**, 'Hippodromania', *Sea Spray and Smoke Drift*, 1867

In my wild erratic fancy visions come to me of Clancy  
Gone a-droving 'down the Cooper' where the Western drovers go;  
As the stock are slowly stringing, Clancy rides behind them singing,  
For the drover's life has pleasures that the townsfolk never know.

And the bush hath friends to meet him, and their kindly voices greet him  
In the murmur of the breezes and the river on its bards,  
And he sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended,  
And at night the wondrous glory of the ever lasting stars.  
**A.B. Banjo Paterson**, *Clancy of the Overflow*

[The mare Roxana, desired by Scham]  
Which snowy neck, she, arching, as a swan  
About to put her head beneath her wing,  
And moving with such dainty grace upon  
The young and tender verdure of the Spring  
That scarce it curved beneath - this paragon  
Wishing to show how she enjoyed the thing,  
The open meadow and the glorious day,  
Opened her mouth and neighed a furious neigh.  
**James Brunton Stephens**, *The Godolphin Arabian*, 1873



"Here in Australia it is considered  
more a crime to steal a horse  
than to ruin a girl."

**Louisa Lawson**, *Woman Suffrage  
Journal*, July 1891

## Bush Poetry



*It costs you just as much  
to feed a shit horse,  
as a good horse.*

**Bushmans Saying**

[Scham fights a rival for the mare Roxana]  
Each fiercely measured each; which survey made,  
The signs of instant fight began to show;  
The nostrils upward drawn, the teeth displayed,  
The bloodshot eyes with fiery wrath aglow,  
Veins swollen to bursting-point, ears backward laid,  
Hair bristling with defiance of the foe: -Thus, seeming each to twice his size enlarged,  
They gave their horse-tails to the wind', and charged!  
**James Brunton Stephens**, *The Godolphin Arabian*, 1873

It was somewhere up the country, in a land of rock and scrub,  
That they formed an institution called the Geebung Polo Club.  
They were long and wiry natives from the rugged mountain side,  
And the horse was never saddled that the Geebungs couldn't ride;  
But their style of playing polo was irregular and rash –  
They had mighty little science, but a mighty lot of dash:  
And they played on mountain ponies that were muscular and strong,  
Though their coats were quite unpolished, and their manes and tails long.  
And they used to train those ponies wheeling cattle in the scrub;  
They were demons, were the members of the Geebung Polo Club.  
**AB Paterson**, 'The Geebung Polo Club', *The Man From Snowy River*, 1895

When they reached the mountain's summit, even Clancy took a pull,  
It well might make the boldest hold their breath,  
The wild hop scrub grew thickly and the hidden ground was full  
Of wombat holes, and any slip was death.  
But the man from Snowy River let the pony have his head,  
And he swung his stockwhip round and gave a cheer,  
And he raced him down the mountain like a torrent down its bed,  
While the others stood and watched in very fear.

He sent the flint stones flying, but the pony kept his feet,  
He cleared the fallen timber in his stride,  
And the man from Snowy River never shifted in his seat –  
It was grand to see that mountain horseman ride.  
Through the stringy barks and saplings, on the rough and broken ground,  
Down the hillside at a racing pace he went'  
And he never drew the bridle till he landed safe and sound,  
At the bottom of that terrible descent.

**AB Paterson**, 'The Man from Snowy River', *The Man from Snowy River*, 1895





## Classics



*Imagination is the highest  
kite that one can fly.*

**Lauren Bacall**

Black, brown, bay  
Sorrel, chestnut, grey  
Buckskin, dun, paint or pinto  
Appaloosa, Palomino  
These are the basic colors that go  
With almost every horse I know.

He was a giant of a horse, glistening black.  
The head was that of the wildest of all wild creatures and it was beautiful,  
savage, and splendid.  
A stallion with a wonderful physical perfection that matched his savage,  
ruthless spirit.

**Walter Farley**, *The Black Stallion*

My confidence and pleasure in horses was inborn.  
Mother rode seventy miles or more two months before I was born,  
from Bobilla to Ajinby the long way round.

She went by impossible tracks negotiable only by a mountain-bred horse,  
at such angles that those unaccustomed could not retain a seat.  
For miles the horse plunged to the girths in snow.  
She rode her own blood horse, Lord Byron, who had borne her to her  
new home as a bride.

His shoes had not been removed and snow collected in hard balls in the  
arches of his hoofs. Mother never forgot that punishing journey.

**Miles Franklin**, *Childhood at Brindabella*, 1963



Fair Girls and Gray Horses!  
A toast for you

Who never went wide of a fence or a kiss:  
While horses are horses and eyes are blue  
There is never a toast in the world like this!

Fair Girls and Gray Horses!  
To each his way,  
But golden and gray are the loves to hold;  
And if gold tresses must turn to gray  
Gray horses need never be turned into gold!

**Will Ogilvie**, *Fair Girls and Gray Horses!* 1898

There is no greater pleasure than a nice ride  
on a nice horse on a beautiful day.

**Judy Richter**, *Pony Talk*

## Observations in Horsemanship

Riding, the art of keeping a horse  
between you and the ground.  
**Anon**

A horse can lend its rider the speed and  
strength he or she lacks.  
But a wise rider remembers it is no more  
than a loan.  
**Anon**

There should be no mediocrity in love,  
And without love you cannot  
create an Art.  
**Nuno Oliveira, Master Trainer**

Do it once and Do it well.  
**J.T. McLeod**

They say princes learn no art truly, but  
the art of HORSEMANSHIP.  
The reason is, the brave beast is no  
flatterer.  
He will throw a prince as soon as his  
groom.  
**Ben Jonson**

A horseman should know neither  
Fear nor Anger.  
**James Rarey**

A good trainer can hear a horse  
speak to him.  
A great trainer can hear him whisper.  
**Monty Roberts**

An impatient horse walks  
in front of you,  
A stubborn horse walks behind you,  
But a loyal companion  
walks beside you.  
**Anon**

There are friends and faces that may  
be forgotten, but there are horses  
that never will be.  
**Andy Adams**

To many people treat the horse as  
though he were a machine, without  
ever realizing the fantastic world that  
is his mind.  
**Dominique Barbier**  
Trained with Nuno Oliveira

It's what you learn after  
you know it all that's important.  
**Jimmy Williams**

They hurt more from use of  
a harsh word  
than use of  
a harsh whip.  
**Anon**

The Horse is man's  
most noble conquest.  
**Buffon,**  
*Reflections on Equestrian Art*

The ears never lie.  
**Don Burt**



*Show me your horse  
And I will tell you  
who you are.*  
**English Proverb**



*In order to go fast one must first  
learn, to go slow.*  
**Horseman's Proverb**

## Observations in Horsemanship



*Your horse is a mirror of  
your soul.*  
**Arab Saying**

If you want it badly enough the horse does it. Of course in the beginning there is a physical part, but it is only a reinforcement of the mind. Progressively, it becomes less and less necessary and ultimately, is not necessary at all.

I know what some people want me to say: that when I think of doing a movement I move my body just enough to cause the horse to react. That's not what I am saying. The more you develop the mind, the less you need the body.

**Dominique Barbier**  
Trained with Nuno Oliveira

Leadership is not domination, but the art of persuading to work toward a common goal.  
**Daniel Goleman**

When you have yourself and your horse fully schooled, you just blink and he does it. You may think it's not possible, but it is".

**Franz Mairinger**, Great Horseman & Instructor, Spanish Riding School Vienna

For what the horse does under compulsion is done without understanding; and there is no beauty in it either, any more than if one should whip and spur a dancer. There would be a great deal more ungracefulness than beauty in either a horse or a man that was so treated.

**Zenophon**, c400BC

You can talk to a horse as often as you like but you will only make him do something for you thorough the influence of your position. That is how you talk to him.

**Franz Mairinger**, Great Horseman & Instructor, Spanish Riding School Vienna

The intelligence of the horse increases with education. An intelligent master or trainer can make an intelligent horse. It is a studio trainer that makes the so-called stupid horse.

**Colonel R.S. Timmis** DSO, c1915

For those who deny that horses can delight in learning, in using their bodies athletically, or in the execution of precise ridden work and their pleasure of partnership with a human; they should watch a good horse work – be it in circus liberty act, working cattle, pulling harness through the fields, sporting at pony club with their little rider, or a bullfighting horse practicing a sorte with a tame bull.

If they then cannot see the quiet pleasure – Shakespeare's "gentle majesty and modest pride" – that such horses take in their work, it can only be because they are perversely determined not to do so.

**J.T. McLeod**

Whatever your purpose in riding, be sure that it includes the elements of fun and appreciation of your horse. Then you will be well on your way to becoming a true horseman.

**Shiela Wall Hundt**, *Invitation to Riding*

## Observations in Horsemanship

It is the best of lessons if the horse gets a season of repose whenever he has behaved to his rider's satisfaction.  
**Xenophon**, *On Horsemanship*.

Riding is a partnership. The horse lends you his strength, speed and grace, which are greater than yours. For your part you give him guidance, intelligence and understanding, which are greater than his. Together you can achieve a richness that alone neither can.  
**Lucy Rees**, *The Horse's Mind*

The horse you get off is not the same as the horse you got on; it is your job as a rider to ensure that as often as possible the change is for the better.  
**Anon**

To make a perfect horseman three things are requisite, know:  
 1. how and when to **help** your horse;  
 2. how and when to **correct** him; and  
 3. how and when to **praise** him and to make much of him.  
**Thomas Blundeville**

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."

Horses stay the same from the day they are born until the day they die. They are only changed by the way people treat them.  
**Tom Smith**, *trainer of Seabiscuit*

I don't help people with horse problems, I help horses with people problems.  
**Nicholas Evans**, *The Horse Whisperer*

Take the time it takes and it takes less time.  
**Pat Parelli**

The one best precept – the golden rule in dealing with a horse – is never to approach him angrily. Anger is so devoid of forethought that it will often drive a man to do things which in a calmer mood he will regret.  
**Xenophon**, *On Horsemanship*.

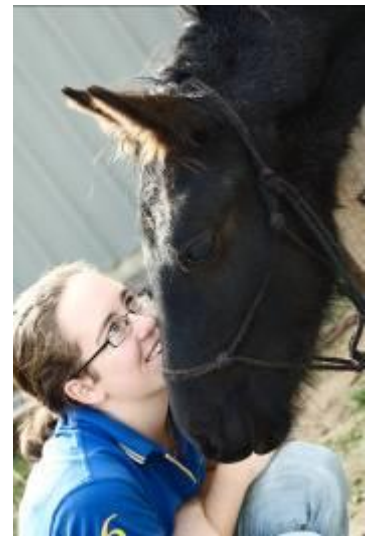
When riding a high strung horse, pretend you are riding an old one.  
**Dominique Barbier**, *Souvenirs*

If one induces the horse to assume that carriage which it would adopt of its own accord when displaying its beauty, then one directs the horse to appear joyous and magnificent, proud and remarkable for having been ridden.  
**Xenophon**, *On Horsemanship*

If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong.  
**Pat Parelli**



*Every time you ride, or touch the horse, You're either teaching or unteaching them.*  
**Gordon Wright**



*It's a lot like nuts and bolts. If the rider's nuts, the horse bolts.*  
**Nicholas Evans**, *The Horse Whisperer*



## Observations in Horsemanship

If you act like you've only got 15 minutes  
it'll take all day. Act like you've got all day,  
and it'll take 15 minutes.

**Monty Roberts**

Love means attention, which means looking  
after the things we love.  
We call this Stable Management.

**George H. Morris**

Horses are the greatest  
equalizer in the world.

**Will Rogers**

Born to live and run free and wild, king  
enough to share his abilities with us.

**Sally Swift**

It's remarkable how consistently  
people with horses claim to have learned  
much about themselves through them.

**Tom McGuane**

We become so wrapped up in horses  
that we do not understand why everyone  
cannot understand us.

**Paul T. Albert**, on being a dedicated horseman

There are times when you can trust a horse,  
Times when you can't,  
And times when you have to.

**Anon**

You're not working on your horse,  
you're working on yourself.

**Ray Hunt**



*Horses are living works of art.*

**Dr Robert M. Miller**

My horse is very quick. Sometimes he's so  
quick he leaves me behind.

**Will Rogers**

A horse gallops with his lungs, perseveres  
with his heart, and wins with his character.

**Federico Tesio**

Courage is being scared to death  
and saddling up anyways.

**John Wayne**

There are many types of bits. The severity  
of ALL lies in the hands holding them.

**Monty Roberts**

You can not train a horse with shouts and  
expect it to obey a whisper.

**Dagobert D. Runes**

## Observations in Horsemanship



*Notice the smallest  
change  
and the slightest try.*  
**Ray Hunt**

Greatness lies not in being strong,  
But in the right use of strength.  
**Henry Beecher**

It's what you learn after you know  
it all that's important.  
**Jimmy Williams, Rider & Trainer, USA**

Know what you're going to have to  
do, and allow yourself plenty of  
time to do it in.  
**William Steinkraus, Riding and Jumping**

It is best that the stable should be  
placed in a quarter of the  
establishment where the master  
will see the horses as often as  
possible.  
**Xenophon, On Horsemanship, 365 B.C.**

Be not afraid of growing slowly; be  
only afraid of standing still.  
**Chinese proverb**

A horse is a living, breathing,  
decision-making creature.  
He's entitled to an opinion.  
**Ray Hunt**

You gain strength, courage, and  
confidence by every experience in  
which you really stop to look fear in  
the face.  
**Eleanor Roosevelt**

Encourage your horse by getting  
out of his way.  
**Joe Wolter**

Make the wrong things difficult and  
the right things easy.  
**Tom Dorance**

Enjoy the Journey.  
**Nick Donohue**

I'm here for the horse – to help him  
get a better deal.  
**Ray Hunt**

People ought to quit worrying so  
much about whispering to their  
horses and just start listening to  
them.  
**Greg Darnall**

A horse can lend its rider the speed  
and strength he or she lacks ... but  
the rider who is wise remembers it  
is no more than a loan.  
**P. Brown**

He is my silent teacher ... guiding  
me to understanding.  
**Carole Hudgens**

If you are going to teach a horse  
something and have a good  
relationship, you don't make him  
learn it - you let him learn it.  
**Ray Hunt**

## Stockman, Drover and Cowboy Quotes

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*“Never approach a bull  
from the front,  
a horse from the rear,  
or a fool from any  
direction.”*




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*“The quickest way to  
double your money in the  
horse world, is to  
fold it over and put it back  
into your pocket”*

- Please don't feed fingers to the horses.
- Use your head more than your legs.
- It costs just as much to feed a shit horse as a good horse.
- Don't squat with your spurs on.
- Good horses make short miles.
- There is someth'n about riding down a street on a prancing horse that makes you feel like you're extra someth'n, even when you're still you.
- You can't control a young horse unless you can control yourself.
- When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Don't waste effort on fury or folly, keep focus.
- Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- It's better to be a has-been than a never-was.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Generally, you ain't learnin' nothing when your mouth's a-jawin'.
- Tellin' a man to git lost and makin' him do it are two entirely different propositions.
- Talk slowly, think quickly.
- If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.
- When you give a personal lesson in meanness to a critter or to a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.
- A canter is a cure for every evil.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.
- Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.

## Our Soldiers

Neger saved my life by his huge bounds at the canter. He had been wounded by shrapnel and yet did his duty until his last breath. I am not ashamed to admit that tears came into my eyes when I bid farewell to this brave and loyal creature. I had lost a teacher and a friend.

**Alois Podhajsky**, describing his horse saving his life, a battle during the First World War



We Remember



So is the story, true by evidence, of the 17 June 1576 battle in northern India between Maharana Preatap on his horse Chetak against Moghul Emperor Akbar on his war elephant in a single combat.

Chetak spring up again and again drumming his hooves on the war elephants head in a Courbette whilst the men fought with lances. The elephant turned and fled, the Emperors lance had injured Chetak so had the elephant. Additional Moghul soldiers arrived; to survive Preatap had to flee, galloping over rough terrain.

Chetak carried his chain mail clad rider for 6 kms up toward the pass of Haldi Ghati where the way from barred by torrential mountain stream. Rapidly losing blood, Chetak gathered himself for one final, tremendous effort, and with one great leap cleared the churning torrent, to collapse, dying on the far bank. Chetak's heroic flight was even more given his off hind foot had been severed at the fetlock by the elephant – he'd carried his rider to safety literally on three legs!

He died with his head in his master's arms. An altar was built at Haldi Ghati known as **Chetak Chabutra**, in memory of his deed of heroism.

Look back at our struggle for freedom  
Trace our present day's strength to its source;  
And you'll find that man's pathway to glory  
Is strewn with the bones of the horse.

**Author Unknown**

### Envoi

When the last rousing gallop is ended,  
And the last post and rail has been jumped,  
And a cracked neck that cannot be mended  
Shall have under the yew-tree been "dumped",  
Just leave him alone in God's acre  
And drink in wine, whisky or beer,  
May the Saints up above send the Breaker

A horse like good old Cavalier.  
Words written by "**The Breaker**", Harry Morant, before facing the firing squad, Pretoria Goal, Boar War

Cannon to the right of them,  
Cannon to the left of hem,  
Cannon behind them  
Volley'd and thunder'd;  
Storm'd at with short and shell,  
While horse and hero fell,  
They that had fought so well  
Came thro' the jaws of Death,  
Back from the mouth of Hell,  
All that was left of them,  
Left of six hundred.  
**Lord Tennyson**, *The Charge of the Light Brigade*.

A dog may be man's best friend...but the horse wrote history.  
**Author Unknown**



## Our Soldiers

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*A dog may be man's best  
friend...but the horse  
wrote history.  
Author Unknown*




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*He wheels his horse with  
a touch,  
Sword in hand.  
How exquisite.  
A Haiku by Yoshimoto*

The rider must live only for his  
horse, which is his legs, his safety,  
his honour, and his reward.  
*The Old Cavalry Soldier (1800)*

All I thought about was my horse.  
It was the most important thing  
apart from your life. You would  
look after him, and he'd look after  
you and that's a fact.  
**Mick Hollingworth**, Lighthorse man,  
Battle of Beersheba

### Forward, the Light Brigade!

Was there a man dismayed?  
Not though the soldiers knew  
Some one had blundered:  
Theirs not to make reply,  
Theirs not to reason why,  
Theirs but to do and die;  
Into the valley of Death  
Rode the six hundred.  
**Lord Tennyson**, *The Charge of the  
Light Brigade*

### A Lighthorse Real Legend

A 16hh chestnut, known as Bill the  
Bastard because of his habit of  
bucking, carried five men at a  
labouring gallop across soft sand  
during the Battle of Romani when  
the Turks had overran the  
soldier's outpost.

Two men were behind the regular  
rider, two others on either side  
standing on a stirrup and holding  
on tight.

It was the only time Bill the Bastard  
was known to gallop without first  
bucking.

He saved their lives.

In a penal colony the horseman was  
afforded considerable status, with  
pedestrians required to give them  
right of way. It can be assumed that  
the motivation of many of the small  
farmers who acquired horses in the  
period to 1815 was as much a  
result of a desire to throw off their  
past stigma as it was to gain an  
animal capable of useful work.  
**Dr Malcolm Kennedy**

### Our Horses Didn't Come Home

We are told that to take them back  
would endanger the health of all  
Australian livestock, and further,  
that the cost of transport would be  
more than they are worth. More  
than they are worth!

Most of them are for countries of  
the Mediterranean. The  
Mediterranean peoples have many  
attractive qualities but I am sad to  
think they may get my old cuddy.  
Their ways with horses is not ours.  
**HS Gullett**, *author and soldier, 1919*

### Farewell my great mate

All horses marked for destruction  
would have manes and tails shorn  
(for sale as horse hair), shoes  
removed (for recycling), and would  
be skinned.

A last race meeting was held, and  
then the horses were led away to  
olive groves outside Tripoli.

There they were tethered in familiar  
picket lines, given a last nosebag  
and shot by special squads of  
marksmen.

**Ian Jones**, *the Australian Lighthorse.*

## Remember El - Equine Influenza

I'm not just a rich man's trinket  
to fulfill a greedy goal;  
I am more - much more - too many.  
I'm Australia's heart and soul.

I'm companion, partner, soul mate;  
I'm desires beyond just dreams.  
I am overcoming hardships;  
I'm life's lessons in extremes.



Once my shoulders bore the burden  
of the plough to plant the seed,  
that would grow the golden wheat fields  
to fulfill this nation's need.



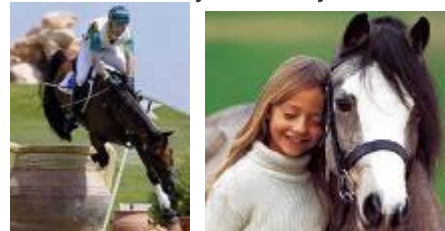
And I laid the precious bore drains  
giving lifeblood to this earth;  
as I forged the great traditions  
then, that gave this country birth.



I have borne your sons to battle,  
heard their brief emblazoned cry,  
seen the futile, reckless slaughter,  
shared the mothers' anguished "Why?"  
I helped you tame this wilderness  
- hauled, carted, did your will.  
Used, abused and treated lightly,  
yet I am your servant still.

I have brought you pride and glory  
and a wealth you couldn't measure.  
and a heritage and history  
in a partnership to treasure.

Every sport that you've invented,  
(oft' with consequences grim),  
still I've jumped and turned and twisted  
as I've met your every whim.



I have taught your children caring,  
how to put another first,  
to take the falls and try again  
and cope with best and worst.



I've kept your daughters off the streets  
and on the straight and narrow.  
I've put my heart in all I've done  
- and thrilled you to the marrow.

And yet you turn your back on me  
in this - my hour of need.  
All you think of is your losses  
in your all-consuming greed.

Won't you listen to my pleadings?  
for the horseman of this land?  
This will change their life forever.  
Won't you try to understand?



## Remember El - Equine Influenza

For E.I.'s the nine eleven  
that will change life as we know it.  
The effects are catastrophic,  
though the media don't show it.

There are hordes of Aussie battlers  
who'll go under in this strife  
and they'll lose much more than money.  
They will lose their way of life.



I am what makes life worth living.  
I'm their every waking thought.  
I am what they go without for  
and that just can not be bought.



Whether hobby, sport or business,  
through the fires and drought and flood,  
I'm the way of life they've chosen  
that is deep within their blood.



We have known the devastation  
when a farmer loses all.  
Horsemen follow in their footsteps  
with their backs close to the wall.



There's a rumbling now, of anger -  
and horse people are not meek.  
Will they sink in deep depression?  
Will they turn the other cheek?

You have caused this thing to happen,  
cutting corners with your greed.  
Quarantine laws bent to suit you,  
consequences guaranteed.

And so now, I pay the price  
for your decisions made in haste.  
Yet again I am surrounded  
by the suffering and the waste.

Once more greed clouds your judgment,  
with your selfish 'purple zone',  
throwing caution to the winds with  
your indulgence overblown.

Do you care about us really?  
Now that pride's before the fall?  
Do you really want to help this?  
Or do dollars say it all?

We can't stop this raging virus;  
all we ask is justice metered.  
Let not the vested interests  
dictate how this should be treated.

Demand consideration for  
the Racehorse AND the scrubber.  
Vet treatment shouldn't be denied  
a much loved Pony Clubber.



I sympathise with milliners,  
and with trainers. Yes, I'm trying.  
But it pales in insignificance  
when cherished friend is dying.

No, I'm not just a rich man's trinket  
to fulfil a selfish goal.  
I am Horse. I am your brother.  
I'm Australia's heart and soul.



## Horses Point of View



Riding is simple...it's just not easy.

Anon

### The ultimate horse truths:

...To induce labor in a mare?  
Take a nap.

...To cure equine constipation?  
Load them in a clean trailer.

...To get a horse to stay very calm?  
Enter them in a liberty class.

...To get a horse to wash their own feet?  
Clean the water trough and fill with fresh water.

...To get a mare to come in heat?  
Take her to a show.

...To get a mare in foal the first cover?  
Let the wrong stallion get out of his stall.

...To make sure the mare has that perfect foal?  
Sell her before she foals.

...To get a show horse to set up perfectly?  
Get him out when no one is around to see him.

...To induce a cold snap in the weather?  
Body clip a horse.

...To make a small fortune in a horse business?  
Start with a large one.

### Older horse chatting to younger horse:

Always perform perfectly at home so you get taken out and about.

React big time to your rider's tension when you're at a comp, they'll never believe it was deliberately you.

Then they'll have to go out lots more with you, they couldn't sell you, because you've made sure everyone got to see how tense they were – not your fault!

Start with dressage - what the markers really mean:

- 1) Enter at A, career wildly down Centre Line  
Halt, salute with a rear and leap forward.  
Handbrake turn to the right at C, have judge worrying you weren't going to stop
- 2) MB Stick nose in the air, hollow your back, do your best constipated duck impersonation, rush like a demented camel to B.
- 3) B Scrape along long side, scare the caller.  
C Big shy at judge's car into perfect half pass to X, ideally fart as you pass photographer or judge's car.
- 4) Handbrake turn back to the track  
KD more wall of death to E
- 5) E lose co-ordination and fake a stumble.  
C Spot a friend in the float area - shriek a hello
- 6) CMB Spot the biggest bird ever in a tree  
B Leap to the left, step out of the arena but perfect rodeo leap back in.  
EKA Feel your riders tension build now – what was that \*\*\*\*\* they whispered to you? Happy – NOT!
- 7) B Take off round the arena on the wrong leg and completely ignore riders aids to fix it – show off your perfect counter canter.
- 8) A Tear down centre line ready for big finale.  
Skid to halt and shoot rider forward at x  
Take advantage whilst the rein is long and passage out of the arena showing off all your best moves.

**Not your fault** – they were soooooooo tense!



## Riding Rules and Reality



### Think you're superior?

Just remind me  
who's mucking out  
whose stable?

### Qui me amat, amat et equum meam.

Love me, love my horse.  
Latin Proverb

All pubs, hotels and bars in the state of Queensland, Australia, are still required under constitutional law to provide a hitching rail for patrons to tie up their horses.

There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humour and the other is patience.  
John Lyons

If a horse stands on you it's because you're in the way.  
Anon

Farriers are like cats.  
They don't like to go out in the rain and they don't come when you call.  
Anon

Think you're worried – How about playing a game called 'mystery lameness'?

Think you're a little self absorbed – ask you're horse how many ways they've got to make sure you're paying full attention!

Feeling arrogant – fancy a demonstration of what a 650 kilo event horse whose middle name is "yahoo" can do with enough inspiration.

Feeling financially secure – haven't you met your horses vet, farrier and chiropractor yet?

The horse stopped with a jerk,  
And the jerk fell off.  
Jim Culleton

Dressage? Stressage!  
Katerina Cox

Poll flexion, not Pull flexion.  
Dr Thomas Ritter

All King Edward's Horses  
Canter Many Big Fences  
The mnemonic for the **A-K-E-H-C-M-B-F** dressage arena letters.

Had I known about breathing,  
How much simpler my competitive riding life would have been!  
Victor Hugo Vidal

It is the difficult horses  
that have the most to give you.  
Lendon Gray

One must plough  
with the horse one has.  
German Proverb

## Riding Rules and Reality



If you don't know where  
you're going, the horse  
will decide for you.

**Anon**

Horse are Made to be Horses  
**Franz Mairinger**

Keep one leg on one side, the  
other leg on the other side and  
your mind in the middle.

**Henry Taylor**

I've always been able to get on a  
horse and go for a ride and come  
back a better person.

**Mel Blount**

Through horses, we discover our  
gentleness and our strength.

Horses teach us the rewards of  
patience and trust.

A jump jockey has to throw his  
heart over the fence - and then go  
over and catch it.

**Dick Francis**

Jumping is just dressage  
with speed bumps.

**Anon**

When your horse follows you  
without being asked,  
when he rubs his head on yours,  
and when you look at him and feel  
a tingle down your spine,  
you know you are loved.

**John Lynons**

If he were a person he would be  
my best friend.  
**Ian Millar** on his world champion Big Ben

You only need two things to ride a  
horse – confidence and balance.  
Everything else you pick up  
as you go along.

**Allan D. Keating.**

People ask me why I ride with my  
bottom in the air. Well I've got to  
put it somewhere!

**Lester Piggott, Famous Jockey**

Experienced riders aren't prone to  
brag. Newcomers if boastful,  
quickly end up modest.

**C.J.J. Mullen**

The hardest thing to do on a horse  
is nothing at all.

**Chris McKinnon**

Sex is an anticlimax after that.  
**Mick Fitzgerald** on winning the Grand  
National.

A bad ride is much better  
than a good walk.

**Peter Grace**

His hooves pound the beat,  
Your heart sings the song.

**Jerry Shulman**

With horses we face our fears and  
find our courage.

## Riding Rules and Reality

To finish is to win.  
**Endurance Riding Motto**

In riding a horse,  
 we borrow freedom.  
**Helen Thompson**

How do you catch a loose horse?  
 Make a noise like a carrot.  
**A British Cavalry Joke**

For one to fly, one needs only  
 to take the reins.  
**Melissa James**



The daughter who won't lift a finger  
 in the house is the same child who  
 cycles madly off in the pouring rain  
 to spend all morning  
 mucking out a stable.  
**Anon**

Your horse's behaviour always  
 seems to depend on the number of  
 people watching you.  
**Anon**

"If they don't break your  
**body**, they can  
 certainly break your  
**heart.**"  
**J.T. McLeod**

Small children are convinced that  
 ponies deserve to see  
 the inside of the house.  
**Anon**

Tell it as it is, I say, because you  
 can take it from me, you'll get  
 inundated with crap. Just take them  
 horse whisperers. As a friend of  
 mine says, 'Nowadays they're  
 jumping out from under every bush  
 and toilet.' What a load of rubbish.  
 There's nothing special there.  
 Nothing new.



Success is dependant on effort.  
**Sophocles**

Imagination is the highest kite that  
 one can fly.  
**Lauren Bacall**

Because thousands of drovers and  
 stockmen – black folks, white,  
 bridled and with pink spots, had that  
 sort of insight into animals for years  
 and years. And that's because they  
 like them. That's the thing.

How sweet it is when the strong  
 are also gentle.  
**Libby Fudim**

Like em enough to watch em and  
 learn about em. Then behave to  
 them like they behave so you all  
 speaking the same language.  
 That's horse language, not bloody  
 English!  
**Australian Stockman – BSM**

Stable thinking is the ability  
 to say neigh.  
**Anon**

I've spent most of my life riding  
 horses. The rest I've just wasted.  
**Anon**

Polo – See where the ball is,  
 go there, hit it.  
**Kumar Shri Ranjit-Sinhji**

## Bumper Sticker Ideas

To ride a horse is to ride the sky.

Ride much. Live Happy.

No horse. No life.

Ride horses – Cut exhaust.

My horse is still cheaper than therapy!

It's a lot like nuts and bolts. If the rider's nuts the horse bolts.

I've spent most of my life riding horses. The rest I've just wasted.

Riding – the art of keeping the horse between you and the ground.

If you want a stable relationship, get a horse.

A ride a day keeps the grumpies away.

My horse likes to be ridden. My tailgate does not.

This is the horse my accountant warned me about

My horse runs on green energy...mostly Alfalfa.

If you can't ride the ORIGINAL horse power, everything else is a fake.

My horse doesn't have bad hair days....Or comment on mine.

My horse won't ignore me, talk back, or leave the seat up!

Move over Trigger!

My horse says the shrink was a waste of money.

To ride or not to ride? What a silly question!

I ride the real deal.

Happiness is a free day and a horse ready for it!

The Truck: \$\$\$\$\$\$

The Horse: \$\$\$\$

A day out riding? Priceless!

Horse sense is stable thinking and the ability to say neigh!



*Bounce once if  
You believe in diagonals.*



*Adventure is worthwhile in  
itself.  
Amelia Earhart*



## Beware the Equine Classified Ads

Hack Prospect	Looks nice when standing still.
Polo Prospect	Short, fast and can go round corners.
Big Boned	Verging on bovine rather than equine.
Elegant	Would break in two in a strong wind.
In Good Condition	Eats everything, needs a muzzle.
Good Doer	Until you want him to do.
Bold	Bolts
Forward Going	Bolts
Athletic	Bolts
Experienced Rider	Always Bolts – need good insurance.
Quiet	Lame in front.
Dead Quiet	Lame in all four.
Good in Traffic/ Bombproof	Lame, blind, deaf and not very clever.
Loves Children	Kicks and bites.
Well Mannered	Hasn't trodden on or bitten anyone for days.
Professionally Trained	Hasn't trodden on or bitten anyone for weeks.
Easy to Catch	Can't run away, older than your great grandma.
Good Home Only	It's expensive to keep – watch for the vet bills.
Show Home Only	Mega expensive – lives at the vets.
Loving Home Only	Mega mega high maintenance – this horse wrote the book on injury prone and attention seeking.
Must Sell	Wife has left home taking the kids.
All offers considered	I have hospital bills to pay.



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## Horse Crazy Reality




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### HORSE OWNERS MOTTO:

Equus Costus Muchus

**STRESSAGE** – the real name for Dressage, just ask your horse!

**HORSE SHOW** – event that gets you up way before the sun rises for what.....fame, prize money, stock feed voucher.... what - a ribbon?

**DRESSAGE WANNABE** – someone who loves riding in circles getting yelled at.

**OVERSEAS TRAINER** – Herr Fixit von Kostalot.

**OUTSIDE REIN** – piece of leather your instructor is obsessed with.

**HUSBAND** – endangered species.

**ANXIOUS PONY** – Whinney the Poo.

**DUST** – Natural coating on all your tack.

**WITHERS** – Obstacle to men riding bareback.

**ELECTRIC FENCE** – zaps you instead of your horse.

**JOB** – the activity that gets in the way of riding and being at the stables for the whole day!

**BUCKING** – spending “quality time” with gravity.

**FEED BAGS** – more difficult to handle than your horse.

**HORSE FEED** – expensive substance in the manufacture of manure.

**RIDER'S CAR** – mobile tack and feed room.

**MOLASSES** – industrial strength cola

**GATE LATCH** – tricky horse puzzle

**WRONG CANTER STRIKE OFF** – the way it is for those of us that suffer CANTisipation.

**GREEN HORSE** – uncomfortable in the middle and unpredictable at both ends.

# Poetry – In Motion

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If you have read them all we imagine that like us, you have experienced somewhat of an emotional rollercoaster.

We can not begin to apologize enough to the horse for the depth of contribution they have made to our lives today and in years past, and how they were so often questionably treated along the way.



Many great artists use poetry as a medium for expressing the range of emotions the horse provokes in us.

Any special pieces that you feel should be included in our *Poetry in Motion* please let us know.

**We invite** you to send them in so we may share them for others to enjoy.

*May the Horse Be With You.*



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