

## Famous Last Words, death bed statements . . .

Thomas Jefferson--still survives...

~~ John Adams, US President, d. July 4, 1826  
*(Actually, Jefferson had died earlier that same day.)*

This is the last of earth! I am content.

~~ John Quincy Adams, US President, d. February 21, 1848

See in what peace a Christian can die.

~~ Joseph Addison, writer, d. June 17, 1719

Is it not meningitis?

~~ Louisa M. Alcott, writer, d. 1888

Waiting are they? Waiting are they? Well--let 'em wait.

*In response to an attending doctor who attempted to comfort him by saying, "General, I fear the angels are waiting for you."*

~~ Ethan Allen, American Revolutionary general, d. 1789

Am I dying or is this my birthday?

*When she woke briefly during her last illness and found all her family around her bedside.*

~~ Lady Nancy Astor, d. 1964

Nothing, but death.

*When asked by her sister, Cassandra, if there was anything she wanted.*

~~ Jane Austen, writer, d. July 18, 1817

Codeine . . . bourbon.

~~ Tallulah Bankhead, actress, d. December 12, 1968

How were the receipts today at Madison Square Garden?

~~ P. T. Barnum, entrepreneur, d. 1891

I can't sleep.

~~ James M. Barrie, author, d. 1937

Is everybody happy? I want everybody to be happy. I know I'm happy.

~~ Ethel Barrymore, actress, d. June 18, 1959

Die? I should say not, dear fellow. No Barrymore would allow such a conventional thing to happen to him.

~~ John Barrymore, actor, d. May 29, 1942

I am ready to die for my Lord, that in my blood the Church may obtain liberty and peace.

~~ Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, d.1170

Now comes the mystery.

~~ Henry Ward Beecher, evangelist, d. March 8, 1887

Friends applaud, the comedy is finished.

~~ Ludwig van Beethoven, composer, d. March 26, 1827

I should never have switched from Scotch to Martinis.

~~ Humphrey Bogart, actor, d. January 14, 1957

Josephine...

~~ Napoleon Bonaparte, French Emperor, May 5, 1821

I am about to -- or I am going to -- die: either expression is correct.

~~ Dominique Bouhours, French grammarian, d. 1702

Ah, that tastes nice. Thank you.

~~ Johannes Brahms, composer, d. April 3, 1897

Oh, I am not going to die, am I? He will not separate us, we have been so happy.  
*Spoken to her husband of 9 months, Rev. Arthur Nicholls.*

~~ Charlotte Bronte, writer, d. March 31, 1855

Beautiful.

*In reply to her husband who had asked how she felt.*

~~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning, writer, d. June 28, 1861

Now I shall go to sleep. Goodnight.

~~ Lord George Byron, writer, d. 1824

Et tu, Brute?

*Assassinated.*

~~ Gaius Julius Caesar, Roman Emperor, d. 44 BC

I am still alive!

*Stabbed to death by his own guards - (as reported by Roman historian Tacitus)*

~~ Gaius Caligula, Roman Emperor, d.41 AD

Don't let poor Nelly (his mistress, Nell Gwynne) starve.

~~ Charles II, King of England and Scotland, d. 1685

Ay Jesus.

~~ Charles V, King of France, d. 1380

I am dying. I haven't drunk champagne for a long time.  
~~ Anton Pavlovich Chekhov, writer, d. July 1, 1904

The earth is suffocating . . . Swear to make them cut me open, so that I won't be buried alive.

*Dying of tuberculosis.*

~~ Frederic Chopin, composer, d. October 16, 1849

I'm bored with it all.

*Before slipping into a coma. He died 9 days later.*

~~ Winston Churchill, statesman, d. January 24, 1965

This time it will be a long one.

~~ Georges Clemenceau, French premier, d. 1929

I have tried so hard to do the right.

~~ Grover Cleveland, US President, d. 1908

That was the best ice-cream soda I ever tasted.

~~ Lou Costello, comedian, d. March 3, 1959

Goodnight my darlings, I'll see you tomorrow.

~~ Noel Coward, writer, d. 1973

Damn it . . . Don't you dare ask God to help me.

*To her housekeeper, who had begun to pray aloud.*

~~ Joan Crawford, actress, d. May 10, 1977

That was a great game of golf, fellers.

~~ Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby, singer / actor, d. October 14, 1977

I am not the least afraid to die.

~~ Charles Darwin, d. April 19, 1882

My God. What's happened?

~~ Diana (Spencer), Princess of Wales, d. August 31, 1997

I must go in, the fog is rising.

~~ Emily Dickinson, poet, d. 1886

Do you hear the rain? Do you hear the rain?

*Minutes before her plane crashed.*

~~ Jessica Dubroff, seven-year-old pilot, d. 1996

Adieu, mes amis. Je vais la gloire.

*(Farewell, my friends! I go to glory!)*

~~ Isadora Duncan, dancer, d. 1927

Please know that I am quite aware of the hazards. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others.

*Last letter to her husband before her last flight.*

KHAQQ calling Itasca. We must be on you, but cannot see you. Gas is running low.

*Last radio communiqué before her disappearance.*

~~ Amelia Earhart, d. 1937

It is very beautiful over there.

~~ Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, d. October 18, 1931

No, I shall not give in. I shall go on. I shall work to the end.

~~ Edward VII, King of Britain, d. 1910

All my possessions for a moment of time.

~~ Elizabeth I, Queen of England, d. 1603

I've never felt better.

~~ Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., actor, d. December 12, 1939

I'd hate to die twice. It's so boring.

~~ Richard Feynman, physicist, d. 1988

I've had a hell of a lot of fun and I've enjoyed every minute of it.

~~ Errol Flynn, actor, d. October 14, 1959

A dying man can do nothing easy.

~~ Benjamin Franklin, statesman, d. April 17, 1790

Come my little one, and give me your hand.

*Spoken to his daughter, Ottilie.*

~~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, writer, d. March 22, 1832

I know you have come to kill me. Shoot coward, you are only going to kill a man.

*Facing his assassin, Mario Teran, a Bolivian soldier.*

~~ Ernesto "Che" Guevara, d. October 9, 1967

Yes, it's tough, but not as tough as doing comedy.

*When asked if he thought dying was tough.*

~~ Edmund Gwenn, actor, d. September 6, 1959

God will pardon me, that's his line of work.

~~ Heinrich Heine, poet, d. February 15, 1856

Turn up the lights, I don't want to go home in the dark.

~~ O. Henry (William Sidney Porter), writer, d. June 4, 1910

All is lost. Monks, monks, monks!  
~~ Henry VIII, King of England, d. 1547

I am about to take my last voyage, a great leap in the dark.  
~~ Thomas Hobbes, writer, d. 1679

I see black light.  
~~ Victor Hugo, writer, d. May 22, 1885

Oh, do not cry - be good children and we will all meet in heaven.  
~~ Andrew Jackson, US President, d. 1845

Let us cross over the river and sit in the shade of the trees.  
*Killed in error by his own troops at the battle of Chancellorsville during the US Civil War.*  
~~ General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, d. 1863

Is it the Fourth?  
~~ Thomas Jefferson, US President, d. July 4, 1826

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.  
*From Luke 23:46*  
~~ Jesus Christ

Does nobody understand?  
~~ James Joyce, writer, d. 1941

Why not? Yeah.  
~~ Timothy Leary, d. May 31, 1996

Now I have finished with all earthly business, and high time too. Yes, yes, my dear child, now comes death.  
~~ Franz Leher, composer, d. October 24, 1948

A King should die standing.  
~~ Louis XVIII, King of France, d. 1824

Why do you weep. Did you think I was immortal?  
~~ Louis XIV, King of France, d. 1715

I am a Queen, but I have not the power to move my arms.  
~~ Louise, Queen of Prussia, d. 1820

Too late for fruit, too soon for flowers.  
~~ Walter De La Mare, writer, d. 1956

Let's cool it brothers . . .

*Spoken to his assassins, 3 men who shot him 16 times.*

~~ Malcolm X, Black leader, d. 1966

Go on, get out - last words are for fools who haven't said enough.

*To his housekeeper, who urged him to tell her his last words so she could write them down for posterity.*

~~ Karl Marx, revolutionary, d. 1883

I forgive everybody. I pray that everybody may also forgive me, and my blood which is about to be shed will bring peace to Mexico. Long live Mexico! Long Live Independence!

~~ Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, (Archduke Maximilian of Austria), d. June 11, 1867

Nothing matters. Nothing matters.

~~ Louis B. Mayer, film producer, d. October 29, 1957

It's all been very interesting.

~~ Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, writer, d. 1762

I knew it. I knew it. Born in a hotel room - and God damn it - died in a hotel room.

~~ Eugene O'Neill, writer, d. November 27, 1953

Good-bye . . . why am I hemorrhaging?

~~ Boris Pasternak, writer, d. 1959

Get my swan costume ready.

~~ Anna Pavlova, ballerina, d. 1931

I am curious to see what happens in the next world to one who dies unshriven.

*Giving his reasons for refusing to see a priest as he lay dying.*

~~ Pietro Perugino, Italian painter, d. 1523

Lord help my poor soul.

~~ Edgar Allan Poe, writer, d. October 7, 1849