

“Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness while you have the opportunity.

Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled, and made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send to their coffins, send to sweeten and brighten their homes before they leave them.

Let us learn to anoint our friends before hand, for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the dreary way.”