

# **Gertrude Stein**

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## Daughter

Why is the world at peace.

This may astonish you a little but when you realise how easily Mrs. Charles Bianco sells the work of American painters to American millionaires you will recognize that authorities are constrained to be relieved. Let me tell you a story. A painter loved a woman. A musician did not sing. A South African loved books. An American was a woman and needed help. Are Americans the same as incubators. But this is the rest of the story. He became an authority.

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## **Red Faces**

Red flags the reason for pretty flags.  
And ribbons.  
Ribbons of flags  
And wearing material  
Reason for wearing material.  
Give pleasure.  
Can you give me the regions.  
The regions and the land.  
The regions and wheels.  
All wheels are perfect.  
Enthusiasm.

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## **Stanzas in Meditation**

She may count three little daisies very well  
By multiplying to either six nine or fourteen  
Or she can be well mentioned as twelve  
Which they may like which they can like soon  
Or more than ever which they wish as a button  
Just as much as they arrange which they wish  
Or they can attire where they need as which say  
Can they call a hat or a hat a day  
Made merry because it is so.

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