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"I believe that words are strong, that they can overwhelm what we fear when fear seems more awful than life is good."
— Andrew Solomon, *The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression*

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"Good Morning!" said Bilbo, and he meant it. The sun was shining, and the grass was very green. But Gandalf looked at him from under long bushy eyebrows that stuck out further than the brim of his shady hat.

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"What do you mean?" he said. "Do you wish me a good morning, or mean that it is a good morning whether I want it or not; or that you feel good this morning; or that it is a morning to be good on?"

"All of them at once," said Bilbo. "And a very fine morning for a pipe of tobacco out of doors, into the bargain.

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"Good morning!" he said at last. "We don't want any adventures here, thank you! You might try over The Hill or across The Water." By this he meant that the conversation was at an end.

"What a lot of things you do use Good morning for!" said Gandalf. "Now you mean that you want to get rid of me, and that it won't be good till I move off."

— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit, or There and Back Again*

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"The only reason why we ask other people how their weekend was is so we can tell them about our own weekend."
— Chuck Palahniuk, *Invisible Monsters*

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"Whenever Percy stopped by to see [Annabeth], she was so lost in thought that the conversation went something like this:
Percy: 'Hey, how's it going?'
Annabeth: 'Uh, no thanks.'

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Percy: 'Okay...have you eaten anything today?'

Annabeth: 'I think Leo is on duty. Ask him.'

Percy: 'So, my hair is on fire.'

Annabeth: 'Okay, in a while.'

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— Rick Riordan, The Mark of Athena

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“She just smiled, said that she loved books more than anything, and started telling him excitedly what each of the ones in her lap was about. And Ove realised that he wanted to hear her talking about the things she loved for the rest of his life.”

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— Fredrik Backman, A Man Called Ove

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“A man once asked me ... how I managed in my books to write such natural conversation between men when they were by themselves. Was I, by any chance, a member of a large, mixed family with a lot of male friends? I replied that, on the contrary, I was an only child and had practically never seen or spoken to any men of my own age till I was about twenty-five. "Well," said the man, "I shouldn't have expected a woman (meaning me) to have been able to make it so convincing." I replied that I had coped with this difficult problem by making my men talk, as far as possible, like ordinary human beings. This aspect of the matter seemed to surprise the other speaker; he said no more, but took it away to chew it over. One of these days it may quite likely occur to him that women, as well as men, when left to themselves, talk very much like human beings also.”

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— Dorothy L. Sayers, Are Women Human? Astute and Witty Essays on the Role of Women in Society

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“Stairs," Valkyrie said, disappointed.
"Not just ordinary stairs," Skulduggery told her as he led the way down.
"Magic stairs."
"Really?"
"Oh, yes."
She followed him into the darkness. "How are they magic?"
"They just are."
"In what way?"
"In a magicky way."
She glared at the back of his head. "They aren't magic at all, are they?"
"Not really.”

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— Derek Landy, Mortal Coil

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“What ho!" I said.
"What ho!" said Motty.
"What ho! What ho!"
"What ho! What ho! What ho!"

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After that it seemed rather difficult to go on with the conversation.”

— Wodehouse, My Man Jeeves

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“Conversation, like certain portions of the anatomy, always runs more smoothly when lubricated.”

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— Doug Wright, Quills



“Sometimes when it looks like I'm deep in thought I'm just trying not to have a conversation with people.”

— Pete Wentz

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“Everyone has their own ways of expression. I believe we all have a lot to say, but finding ways to say it is more than half the battle.”

— Criss Jami, *Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile*

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“I figured I could get a job at a filling station somewhere, putting gas and oil in people's cars. I didn't care what kind of job it was, though. Just so people didn't know me and I didn't know anybody. I thought what I'd do was, I'd pretend I was one of those deaf-mutes. That way I wouldn't have to have any goddam stupid useless conversations with anybody. If anybody wanted to tell me something, they'd have to write it on a piece of paper and shove it over to me. They'd get bored as hell doing that after a while, and then I'd be through with having conversations for the rest of my life. Everybody'd think I was just a poor deaf-mute bastard and they'd leave me alone.”

— J.D. Salinger, *The Catcher in the Rye*

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“Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.”

— Anne Morrow Lindbergh, *Gift from the Sea*

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“And besides . . . I don't want to leave you. Er, you guys.”

He smiled, and it lit up his whole face. “Well, ‘we’ are certainly happy to hear that. Oh, and I'm also happy to watch our darling little love child dragon while you're in St. Louis.”

I grinned back.”

— Richelle Mead, *The Indigo Spell*

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“The art of conversation is the art of hearing as well as of being heard.”

— William Hazlitt, *Selected Essays, 1778-1830*

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“In the best conversations, you don't even remember what you talked about, only how it felt. It felt like we were in some place your body can't visit, some place with no ceiling and no walls and no floor and no instruments”

— John Green, *Turtles All the Way Down*

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“Do you ever lose the ego?” Westford asks me.
“Yeah.” When his daughter kisses me, my ego flies out the window.”

— Simone Elkeles, Rules of Attraction

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“I've given guys blow jobs just because I've run out of things to talk about.'
Oh, Rae. Who hasn't”

— Anne Lamott, Crooked Little Heart

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“Clearly she was expected to say something, but panic at having to speak stole the thoughts from her head.”

— Shannon Hale, The Goose Girl

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“Women speak because they wish to speak, whereas a man speaks only when driven to speak by something outside

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— Sally Rooney, Conversations with Friends

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“Just so you know, I'm goin' to enlist.”

“I'm proud of you. But why?”

I groan against the pain but manage to give him a half smile. “I want to make sure Kiara's got a boyfriend who has more to offer than a hot bod and a face that could make angels weep.”

— Simone Elkeles, Rules of Attraction

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“Corrival looked around. 'So is this it? Is everyone here? Erskine, maybe you should start the ball rolling. I have places to go and things to do.'

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'Me?' Ravel asked. 'Why do I have to start it? You're the most respected mage here. You start it, or Skulduggery.'

Skulduggery shook his head. 'I can't start it. I don't like most of these people. I might start shooting.’

— Derek Landy, Mortal Coil

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"Most people are much better at saying things in letters than in conversation, and some people can write artistic, inventive letters, but when they try a poem or story or novel they become pretentious."

— Charles Bukowski, Women

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"We define our identity always in dialogue with, sometimes in struggle against, the things our significant others want to see in us. Even after we outgrow some of these others—our parents, for instance—and they disappear from our lives, the conversation with them continues within us as long as we live."

— Charles Taylor, Multiculturalism

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"Whenever I saw her, I felt like I had been living in another country, doing moderately well in another language, and then she showed up speaking English and suddenly I could speak with all the complexity and nuance that I hadn't realized was gone. With Lucy I was a native speaker."

— Ann Patchett, Truth and Beauty

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"There's so few things men can talk about. If a man doesn't like baseball, then he must like horses, and if he doesn't like either of them, well, I'm in trouble anyway: he don't like girls."

— Truman Capote, Breakfast at Tiffany's and Three Stories

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