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“... and no one could have watched him without reaching the conclusion that a writer is a man to whom writing comes harder than to anyone else.”

Thomas Mann, *Tristan*