

Al Jarreau Quotes

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Once you discover that you can, then you must.

~Al Jarreau

Before I get out of bed, I am saying thank you. I know how important it is to be thankful.

~Al Jarreau

I would still be singing, because it's part of my heart and my soul, and it lifts me up. Find something you would do for free.

~Al Jarreau

I don't know where we got the notion that God wants us to suffer. Every living thing tends toward the good or we would have been gone a long time ago.

~Al Jarreau

You have to make a decided effort to not get seduced by the Blues.

~Al Jarreau

It's all background experience and listening and exposure. That's why it's so important for people today and during any time to expose your children to lots of different kinds of things.

~Al Jarreau

To sing the ballad with a knowingness about what you are talking about. If it's somebody else's lyric, and the message is a little unusual for you, it requires that you learn that new message.

~Al Jarreau

I sang do-wop on the street corner before it was called do-wop.

~Al Jarreau

I did a concert at five years old in the garden of one of the church members, and we raised some money to buy a new piano in our little

church.

~Al Jarreau

I know more polkas than Frankie Yankovic. I grew up next door to the Polka Tavern in Milwaukee. I can sing some polkas. And proud of that.

~Al Jarreau

That's the way I try to live. I think it's the only way for human beings at this point in our evolution as souls, where everyone in their lifetime is going through stuff.

~Al Jarreau

I think a singer is an athlete. I've always tried to stay fit. Until my knee said, "Uh-uh," I was jogging. Then I started walking. They don't like walking a lot, but I'll push them.

~Al Jarreau

Every day is Thanksgiving for me, man. Yeah, I still have an audience, and they ask the local promoter, "When is Al coming back?"

~Al Jarreau

My dad graduated seminary there, and so did (sounds like) Mark Kimball's grandfather. They sang in a quartet together, my dad and Mark Kimball's grandfather.

~Al Jarreau

Every day is Thanksgiving. On this stage you're going to hear God and none of them other words, and I ain't going to touch my stuff.

~Al Jarreau

I came here with something in me that I inherited from my folks. So I'm going to do something called life and times.

~Al Jarreau

I've been saying for almost 20 years that I need to do a jazz project and it ought to be either big band or I should do some jazz songs with a trio or quartet.

~Al Jarreau

I was age six or seven, and singing, "Jesus wants me for her son, beep, to shine for him," and people smiled and pinched my cheeks till the blood vessels broke, and I knew I was doing something right.

~Al Jarreau

I'm walking every day and just staying kind of fit, and try not to have too many bad habits. Keep it minimal.

~Al Jarreau

I really do see it as the start of the second half of my career.

~Al Jarreau

Jazz brought this sense of democracy where four guys come together and your name may be on the marquee, but in this moment, when you're the soloist, it's you, and we follow you. We follow you.

~Al Jarreau

I watched Elvis Presley become - I listened to Elvis Presley. I watched Chuck Berry become. I listened to Little Richard. I heard that music, and it was part of my upbringing.

~Al Jarreau

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