

# Al Yankovic

## Quotes

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It doesn't take a military genius to see we'll all be crispy critters after World War III.

~Al Yankovic

As my father used to tell me, the only true sign of success in life is being able to do for a living that which makes you happy.

~Al Yankovic

If money can't buy happiness, then I guess I'll have to rent it.

~Al Yankovic

You got me stranded on the bungee tower of love.

~Al Yankovic

I'm still a geek on the inside, that's the important thing.

~Al Yankovic

At this point I've got a bit of a track record. So people realize that when 'Weird Al' wants to go parody, it's not meant to make them look bad... it's meant to be a tribute.

~Al Yankovic

If you want to avoid heated arguments, never discuss religion, politics, or whether the toilet paper roll should go over or under.

~Al Yankovic

As a wise man once said, "April Fools Day is for amateurs. You NEVER need an excuse to mess with people's heads."

~Al Yankovic

Nows the time to go for all the gusto you can grab. You'll have plenty of time to be low-key when you're laid out on the slab.

~Al Yankovic

You make me wanna staple bagels to my face, then remove them with a pitchfork.

~Al Yankovic

My hobbies just sort of gradually became my vocation.

~Al Yankovic

I've learned how to use my spam filter pretty effectively.

~Al Yankovic

I'm an ugly girl, My face makes you hurl, Sad I have it, I should bag it. Acne everywhere, Unwanted facial hair. I'm a relation to Frankenstein's creation.

~Al Yankovic

People that were a little nerdy in high school would look up to me and know it gets better.

~Al Yankovic

As it turns out, there is a thing called the Internet, and stuff does go out there whether the suits like it or not.

~Al Yankovic

I'll bet every great thinker and leader we've got Could see all kinds of things other people could not! So then why get upset if somebody like me Tries to look at the world just a bit differently?

~Al Yankovic

Didn't have Nintendo, we just poured salt on snails.

~Al Yankovic

Probably 90 percent of my albums have polka medleys.

~Al Yankovic

I'm stranded all alone in the gas station of love, and I have to use the self service pump.

~Al Yankovic

That's something the kids should know about. Reading is a gateway to witchcraft and lesbianism.

~Al Yankovic

My process for the parodies is that I get an idea for a song and then get approval from the artist and then go in and record it and probably try to get it out as soon as possible.

~Al Yankovic

I'm just a no-good, scum sucking, nose picking, boot licking, sniveling, groveling, worthless hunk of slime.

~Al Yankovic

There are probably a few library fines I haven't paid yet, but I'm a pretty clean-cut guy overall.

~Al Yankovic

I know I'm a million times as humble as thou art!

~Al Yankovic

Some people want to advertise their weirdness, and spread it out, that's not me.

~Al Yankovic

I don't really look at myself as the kind of person who craves attention, but I've never been to therapy so there's probably a lot of stuff about myself that I don't know.

~Al Yankovic

People say releasing an album is like giving birth, but it's more like

having a gallbladder operation.

~Al Yankovic

There aren't that many superstars around anymore.

~Al Yankovic

My brothers and sisters hated me because I was an only child.

~Al Yankovic

What kind of morons do you have working at newspapers in Austin that would base an entire review of an artist's performance on whether or not they had a good seat?

~Al Yankovic

Maybe I'll make a huge color tapestry from my belly button lint.

~Al Yankovic

It was difficult to get into my friends' rock bands when I was a teenager. They somehow didn't see the need for an accordion player. That's when I realized that I had to find my own path in life.

~Al Yankovic

I'll be mellow when I'm dead.

~Al Yankovic

He died a long painful death. However, you'll be happy to hear that just a few years later he was reincarnated as Shirley MacLaine.

~Al Yankovic

He put Ben Gay inside my jock strap and filled my tooth paste tube up with glue.

~Al Yankovic

I think my chances of ever making it into the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame

are about as good as Milli Vanilli's.

~Al Yankovic

I knew we were having problems when you put those piranhas in my bathtub again.

~Al Yankovic

I make charts of songs that are good candidates, good targets, so to speak. Then I try to come up with ideas for parodies. And 99% of those ideas are horrible.

~Al Yankovic

I can bend paper clips into the shapes of small animals.

~Al Yankovic

It's hard to force creativity and humor.

~Al Yankovic

When I swore that you're getting more and more beautiful everyday. Well, I was only kidding, honey.

~Al Yankovic

Buy our album, were Nirvana, a garage band from Seattle. Well, it sure beats raising cattle.

~Al Yankovic

I've always enjoyed animation and voiceover work. That's something that I've been proactive about.

~Al Yankovic

No Joni Mitchell 8 track tapes in my car.

~Al Yankovic

The window doesn't open, the fan is broke, and my face is turning blue.

I haven't been in a crowd like this since I went to see the Who.

~Al Yankovic

Boys like Peter are afraid of a lot of things, like nuclear annihilation and flunking algebra, but they're not afraid of wolves.

~Al Yankovic

Until you came along I never dated anyone this low on the food chain.

~Al Yankovic

Every night for dinner we had a big chunk of dirt.

~Al Yankovic

The music has always been my bread and butter, and I've focused more of my attention on that.

~Al Yankovic

My velvet Elvis means the world to me. Although he may not be worth much dough, he means more to me than some old Rembrandt or Van Gogh.

~Al Yankovic

So that's why one of my rules of parody writing is that it's gotta be funny regardless of whether you know the source material. It has to work on its own merit.

~Al Yankovic

My personal taste doesn't enter into it a lot when I make my decisions as to what to parody.

~Al Yankovic

You can try on our suede underwear if you choose. Do what you want, but don't step on my blue suede shoes.

~Al Yankovic

My wife went off with Elvis.

~Al Yankovic

I'm obviously not a rapper, and I don't have any claims to be one, really.

~Al Yankovic

Left all my Beatle records out in the sun, got a coke bottle stuck on the end of my tongue.

~Al Yankovic

Somebody will come up to me after a show and have me sign their arm, and the next time I see them my autograph has been permanently inscribed on their arm.

~Al Yankovic

One of the hardest things I've had to deal with in my career is keeping my material topical even though I only release albums every three or four years.

~Al Yankovic

It becomes more important to me as time goes on to make every album the best thing I've ever done, so it's a lot of self-imposed pressure that also kind of slows me down a bit.

~Al Yankovic

You can play some schlock like New Kids On the Block.

~Al Yankovic

A lot of rap songs don't usually have a lot of melody per se.

~Al Yankovic

As a kid, I certainly never thought I would get to spend my life doing something fun.



~Al Yankovic

By the time I'm in the studio recording my parody, 10,000 parodies of that song are on YouTube.

~Al Yankovic

I don't think there are any new media I'd like to cover.

~Al Yankovic

I have a long-standing history of respecting artists' wishes.

~Al Yankovic

I know now that everything I write, I'm going to put out, and I'll have to live with it for the rest of my life.

~Al Yankovic

I'm very analytical, I'm very precise. I mean, I don't write for kids.

~Al Yankovic

I mean, I hate to gloat, but I'm extremely satisfied with my position in life and the way things have worked out for me.

~Al Yankovic

I think that nerds, if you want to call them that, have only gotten more hip and assimilated into the culture.

~Al Yankovic

I'm very analytical, I'm very precise.

~Al Yankovic

I'm watching the charts every week and hoping something will pop into my head.

~Al Yankovic

In the '80s, I was putting out an album virtually every year, I think mostly based on fear - that if I didn't, people would soon forget about me.

~Al Yankovic

I was abducted by some aliens from space who kind a looked like Jamie Farr.

~Al Yankovic

If I could find the right kind of property, get tied in with the right movie, I'd love to be involved, but I just find it hard to be motivated to do another screenplay right now.

~Al Yankovic

I like the guitar-driven music of Nirvana at its peak. At that point, I thought there was a lot of really exciting music coming out.

~Al Yankovic

Midget wrestling on channel 3, it costs me 50 bucks a month.

~Al Yankovic

I dated Siamese twins, I slept with Big Foot, too. Get me on Sally Jesse, put me on Donahue.

~Al Yankovic

I guess I lost a little bit of self-esteem that time that you made it with the whole hockey team.

~Al Yankovic

Take down those naked pictures of Ernest Borgnine.

~Al Yankovic

Got a brand new semi-automatic weapon with a laser sight. Oh, I'm praying that somebody tries to break in here tonight.

~Al Yankovic

I don't watch a lot of other people's parodies because I don't want to be unduly influenced.

~Al Yankovic

I'm free to do what I please, I'm probably not going to do albums. Just because I think releasing tracks as singles is a better way for me to stay topical.

~Al Yankovic

It's hard to say, I picked one of my favorite articles for the MAD vault. Which is one of the features of the Magazine so they don't have to actually pay artists or writers to come up with new stuff.

~Al Yankovic

I think I'm equally as abusive as the editors normally are for the "Letters and Tomatoes" column, which is the fan mail part of MAD Magazine and an ongoing feature.

~Al Yankovic

Right now I'm listening to a lot of Top 40 music, because THAT'S MY JOB.

~Al Yankovic

I enjoy all kinds of music. But it is kind of strange when I do parodies, instead of setting up drums and guitar amps.

~Al Yankovic

I decided that I wanted to be a voice on every animated cartoon in the history of the world - even shows that haven't been on the air for a very long time, that's going to be harder to pull off.

~Al Yankovic

A lot of artists have really been supportive over the years.

~Al Yankovic

The irony is of course that my career has lasted a whole lot longer than some of the people I've parodied over the years.

~Al Yankovic

You still have Top 40 radio now, but it's 40 different stations. There aren't many hits that everybody knows, and there aren't many real superstars.

~Al Yankovic

When I was a kid, I thought I was going to be an architect, because when I was 12 years old I had a guidance counselor that convinced me that that was the best career choice for me.

~Al Yankovic

You fake something until you're good at it.

~Al Yankovic

There are a lot of songs that would ostensibly be a good candidate for parody, yet I can't think of a clever enough idea.

~Al Yankovic

There's enough people that do unfunny music. I'll leave the serious stuff to Paris Hilton and Kevin Federline.

~Al Yankovic

I love the way they run in fright when I turn on the kitchen light. And when I squish them on the ground, they make a pleasant crunchy sound.

~Al Yankovic

You slammed my face down on the barbecue grill, now my scars are all

healing, but my heart never will.

~Al Yankovic

So I'm one of the few celebrities that got to do a repeat performance on 'The Simpsons,' which I'm very flattered by.

~Al Yankovic

Pop culture's gotten much more disposable.

~Al Yankovic

Ever since the day you left me, I've been so miserable, my dear. I feel almost as bad as I did when you were still here.

~Al Yankovic

Kind of wish I was dead. Maybe, I'll blow my brains out, mama, or maybe I'll go bowling.

~Al Yankovic

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