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Hee Haw was probably my biggest exposure to live music at a young age, because there wasn't any live music around my town and no one in my family played instruments.

~Alan Jackson

A country song is a song about life.

~Alan Jackson

Faith, hope, and love are some good things He gave us; but the greatest is love

~Alan Jackson

The older you are, I think you realize what you enjoy and what you don't need, what wears you out and what's important.

~Alan Jackson

To me, songwriting is the backbone of Nashville. Looks can go, fads can go, but a good song lasts forever.

~Alan Jackson

I don't like politics, hypocrites, folks with poodles.

~Alan Jackson

Tonight I'm the designated drinker.

~Alan Jackson

I'm usually just enjoying life.

~Alan Jackson

I'm hooked on my baby's love, there ain't nothing in the jug this strong.

~Alan Jackson

Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke risin' against that blue sky? Did you shout out in anger, in fear of your

neighbor or did you just sit down and cry?..

~Alan Jackson

Love is stolen in the shadows of the night. Though it's wrong all along, it keeps going on as long as they keep it out of sight.

~Alan Jackson

If you can last until you're 40 years old, hopefully you'll be mature enough to figure out the rest of the years.

~Alan Jackson

Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day?

~Alan Jackson

Making music is still what keeps a fire going on in me.

~Alan Jackson

I've always stood up for country music.

~Alan Jackson

Pour me something tall and strong, make it a Hurricane before I go insane. It's only half past twelve but I don't care, it's 5 O'clock somewhere.

~Alan Jackson

I've had to live with women all my life. I grew up with four older sisters, and I was the baby and the only boy.

~Alan Jackson

Did you weep for the children who lost their dear loved ones and pray for the ones who don't know? Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble, and sob for the ones left below?

~Alan Jackson

I grew up with nothing, so whenever I got to where I could have something I felt like I needed to have everything I couldn't have when I was young.

~Alan Jackson

I think if you retire from touring, then people think you are retired.

~Alan Jackson

A lot of times when songwriters get together and write a song... somebody will come in with a hook and a lot of times they come out with something that sounds a little crafty.

~Alan Jackson

The fan base that I've had all these years has come along. Some of them are not as plugged into the digital world, so they want to go out and buy the CD at Walmart or something.

~Alan Jackson

I didn't realize until I was older what a huge music fan my daddy really was, and actually that my grandma played banjo at one time, and I didn't even know that until a year or two ago.

~Alan Jackson

I think every album you have, especially if it's done well, you feel like you're competing with yourself.

~Alan Jackson

I've always wanted to make a bluegrass album.

~Alan Jackson

I love your cooking, honey, but sometimes I need some real food.

~Alan Jackson

When I was in high school, I don't know that I really had big dreams.

~Alan Jackson

There's no hall of fame for that working class hero, no statue carved out of stone. And his greatest reward is the love of a woman and his children.

~Alan Jackson

Flesh is weak, but love is strong.

~Alan Jackson

Oklahoma's always been good to me.

~Alan Jackson

My mother kept asking me, "When are you going to do a gospel album?" And I've always wanted to do a gospel album. Everybody was going on about it, so mom started hounding me more.

~Alan Jackson

If you just do 50 to 60 shows a year, it's not that much time away from home.

~Alan Jackson

I mean, my voice has gotten a little deeper sounding as I've gotten older, I think. I noticed that.

~Alan Jackson

The music business doesn't take up that much of my time. I probably should put a little more energy into it.

~Alan Jackson

I always try to make the music that I like and think my fans will like.

~Alan Jackson

Wembley way is beginning to blacked with people in terms of red and

blue

~Alan Jackson

You just write about things that happen.

~Alan Jackson

Probably some of the songs I never even really listened to the lyrics. Half of them I'd hear off the radio and was probably singing the wrong words and didn't even know it.

~Alan Jackson

I've always said that if you have songs on the radio and get played, you've got to have a tour to support that.

~Alan Jackson

You think a lot of people get to be big stars and get a little crazy, but most of the ones I've ever met have always been surprisingly normal, and I've enjoyed that.

~Alan Jackson

As long as I'm still able to have a hit on the radio and sell a few albums and some tickets, I don't see that it would be worth retiring.

~Alan Jackson

I think I've always approached making albums pretty much the same way. I'm just looking for a mixture of songs and topics that aren't the same thing over and over.

~Alan Jackson

It's a scary word, 'cancer.'

~Alan Jackson

I don't write all my stuff. Everybody always thinks that. But in just about every album I've ever had has been about 50-50 songs I've written or

co-written and other people's songs.

~Alan Jackson

He's written some great songs. I thought that "Blues Man" was a perfect song for me to do as a tribute.

~Alan Jackson

I could have done a hundred songs, really. It was hard to narrow them down, because I tried to pick songs for the most part that actually did have some effect on me or influenced me in the past.

~Alan Jackson

I've had several working-man songs that I like.

~Alan Jackson

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