

Allen Ginsberg

Quotes

*Writing, People, America, Art, Angel, Thinking, Want, War, Dream, World,
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we're all golden sunflowers inside.

~Allen Ginsberg

we're all beautiful golden sunflowers inside, we're all blessed by our own seed & golden hairy naked accomplishment (Sunflower Sutra)

~Allen Ginsberg

Which way will the sunflower turn surrounded by millions of suns?

~Allen Ginsberg

Our heads are round so thought can change direction

~Allen Ginsberg

To gain your own voice, forget about having it heard. Become a saint of your own province and your own consciousness.

~Allen Ginsberg

To gain your own voice you have to forget about having it heard.

~Allen Ginsberg

Concentrate on what you want to say to yourself and your friends. Follow your inner moonlight; don't hide the madness. You say what you want to say when you don't care who's listening.

~Allen Ginsberg

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~Allen Ginsberg

I don't think there is any truth. There are only points of view.

~Allen Ginsberg

None of us understand what we're doing, but we do beautiful things anyway.

~Allen Ginsberg

When it snows in your nose, you catch cold in your brain.

~Allen Ginsberg

You are what you think about all day.

~Allen Ginsberg

Whoever controls the media, the images, controls the culture.

~Allen Ginsberg

We love to be hurt and we love to have our unhealing wounds opened and reopened again: we sit staring in the mirror of art, fascinated by our own deformities.

~Allen Ginsberg

The weight of the world is love. Under the burden of solitude, under the burden of dissatisfaction.

~Allen Ginsberg

Holy the supernatural extra brilliant intelligent kindness of the soul!

~Allen Ginsberg

The suffering itself is not so bad; it's the resentment against suffering that is the real pain.

~Allen Ginsberg

I don't do anything with my life except romanticize and decay with indecision.

~Allen Ginsberg

Poetry is not an expression of the party line. It's that time of night, lying in bed, thinking what you really think, making the private world public, that's what the poet does.

~Allen Ginsberg

Well, while I'm here I'll do the work " and what's the work? To ease the pain of living. Everything else, drunken dumbshow.

~Allen Ginsberg

The poignancy of a photograph comes from looking back to a fleeting moment in a floating world. The transitoriness is what creates the sense of the sacred

~Allen Ginsberg

America, I've given you all and now I'm nothing.

~Allen Ginsberg

There is nothing to be learned from history anymore. We're in science fiction now.

~Allen Ginsberg

I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked.

~Allen Ginsberg

First thought, best thought.

~Allen Ginsberg

Unholy battered old thing you were, my sunflower O my soul, I loved you then!

~Allen Ginsberg

Nobody saves America by sniffing cocaine. Jiggling your knees blankeyed in the rain, when it snows in your nose you catch cold in your brain.

~Allen Ginsberg

What if someone gave a war and Nobody came?

~Allen Ginsberg

Scientist alone is true poet he gives us the moon he promises the stars he'll make us a new universe if it comes to that.

~Allen Ginsberg

Candor disarms paranoia.

~Allen Ginsberg

It's never too late to do nothing at all.

~Allen Ginsberg

Fortunately art is a community effort - a small but select community living in a spiritualized world endeavoring to interpret the wars and the solitudes of the flesh.

~Allen Ginsberg

I smoke marijuana every chance I get.

~Allen Ginsberg

Poetry is the one place where people can speak their original human mind. It is the outlet for people to say in public what is known in private.

~Allen Ginsberg

A poem is like a radio that can broadcast continuously for thousands of years.

~Allen Ginsberg

in my dreams you walk dripping from a sea journey on the highway across America in tears to the door of my cottage in the Western night

~Allen Ginsberg

Let go of the spirit of the departed, and continue the celebration of your own life.

~Allen Ginsberg

When you notice something clearly and see it vividly, it then becomes sacred.

~Allen Ginsberg

Affection is the most important thing. And the quality of affection - with your friends, your lovers, your family. But particularly for your own generation.

~Allen Ginsberg

Poetry's role is to provide spontaneous individual candor as distinct from manipulation and brainwash.

~Allen Ginsberg

I never dreamed the sea so deep, The earth so dark; so long my sleep, I have become another child. I wake to see the world go wild.

~Allen Ginsberg

Last Exit to Brooklyn should explode like a rusty hellish bombshell over America and still be eagerly read in a hundred years.

~Allen Ginsberg

There should be no distinction between what we write down, and what we really know.

~Allen Ginsberg

Democracy! Bah! When I hear that I reach for my feather boa!

~Allen Ginsberg

I didn't know the names of the flowers - now my garden is gone.

~Allen Ginsberg

I touch your book and dream of our odyssey in the supermarket and feel absurd.

~Allen Ginsberg

The closet door is open for me, where I left it, since I left it open, it has graciously stayed open.

~Allen Ginsberg

America, why are your libraries full of tears?

~Allen Ginsberg

Now I have enough money to travel wherever I want, but I haven't got the health.

~Allen Ginsberg

You can't escape the past in Paris, and yet what's so wonderful about it is that the past and present intermingle so intangibly that it doesn't seem to burden.

~Allen Ginsberg

A naked lunch is natural to us We eat reality sandwiches. But allegories are so much lettuce. Don't hide the madness.

~Allen Ginsberg

Everything is holy! everybody's holy! everywhere is holy! everyday is in eternity! Everyman's an angel!

~Allen Ginsberg

I really believe, or want to believe, really I am nuts, otherwise I'll never be sane.

~Allen Ginsberg

Since art is merely and ultimately self-expressive, we conclude that the fullest art, the most individual, uninfluenced, unrepressed, uninhibited expression of art is true expression and the true art.

~Allen Ginsberg

Visions! omens! hallucinations! miracles! ecstasies! gone down the

American river! Dreams! adorations! illuminations! religions! the whole boatload of sensitive bullshit!

~Allen Ginsberg

If I had a soul I sold it for pretty words
If I had a body I used it up
spurting my essence
Allen Ginsberg warns you don't follow my path to extinction

~Allen Ginsberg

It isn't enough for your heart to break because everybody's heart is broken now.

~Allen Ginsberg

I think it was when I ran into Kerouac and Burroughs - when I was 17 - that I realized I was talking through an empty skull... I wasn't thinking my own thoughts or saying my own thoughts.

~Allen Ginsberg

The soul is innocent and immortal, it should never die ungodly in an armed madhouse.

~Allen Ginsberg

Scientist alone is true poet.

~Allen Ginsberg

Sometime I'll lay down my wrath,
As I lay my body down
Between the ache of breath and breath,
Golden slumber in the bone.

~Allen Ginsberg

Ordinary mind includes eternal perceptions. Notice what you notice. Observe what's vivid. Catch yourself thinking. Vividness is self-selecting. And remember the future.

~Allen Ginsberg

Man's usurpation over nature is an egotism that will destroy human as well as whale kingdoms. â€¦ Academies should return to wisdom study in tree groves rather than robot study in plastic cells

~Allen Ginsberg

The hero surviving his own murder, his own suicide, his own addiction, surviving his own disappearance from the scene

~Allen Ginsberg

War is good business Invest your son

~Allen Ginsberg

The censorship of language is the censorship of consciousness.

~Allen Ginsberg

You too must seek the sun.

~Allen Ginsberg

I want people to bow as they see me and say he is gifted with poetry, he has seen the presence of the creator.

~Allen Ginsberg

Ultimately Warhol's private moral reference was to the supreme kitsch of the Catholic church.

~Allen Ginsberg

My own experience is that a certain kind of genius among students is best brought out in bed.

~Allen Ginsberg

The typewriter is holy the poem is holy the voice is holy the hearers are holy the ecstasy is holy!

~Allen Ginsberg

Recent history is the record of one vast conspiracy to impose one level of mechanical consciousness on mankind.

~Allen Ginsberg

The real America that Whitman proclaimed and Thoreau decoded.

~Allen Ginsberg

First thoughts are the strongest.

~Allen Ginsberg

What came is gone forever every time

~Allen Ginsberg

I learned a world from each / one whom I loved

~Allen Ginsberg

Truth is dissent, where all power resides in the Big Lie.

~Allen Ginsberg

Breathe when you breathe. Walk where you walk. Talk when you talk.
Cry when you cry. Die when you die. Let go when you let go.

~Allen Ginsberg

Night is the wonderful opportunity to take rest, to forgive, to smile, to get ready for all the battles that you have to fight tomorrow.

~Allen Ginsberg

I know too much and not enough

~Allen Ginsberg

The actual materials are important. A book at the nightstand is important - a light you can get at - or a flashlight as Kerouac had a brakeman's lantern.

~Allen Ginsberg

An unnoticed corner of the world suddenly becomes noticed, and when you notice something clearly and see it vividly, it becomes sacred. (On Robert Frank's photography)

~Allen Ginsberg

what sphinx of cement and aluminium bashed open their skulls and ate up their brains and imagination

~Allen Ginsberg

I've got enough money to live where I want, but I don't want to move. Go out and have sexual adventures in Burma.

~Allen Ginsberg

All these books are published in Heaven.

~Allen Ginsberg

The fact to which we have got to cling, as to a lifebelt, is that it is possible to be a normal decent person and yet be fully alive.

~Allen Ginsberg

How sick i am! that thought Always comes to me with horror. Is it this strange for everybody? But such fugitive feelings have always been my metier.

~Allen Ginsberg

We are great writers on the same dreadful typewriter

~Allen Ginsberg

I had a moment of clarity, saw the feeling in the heart of things, walked out to the garden crying.

~Allen Ginsberg

Poets are Damned... but See with the Eyes of Angels.

~Allen Ginsberg

Sanity - a trick of agreement

~Allen Ginsberg

Bob Dylan's one of the greatest blues singers of the western world; ancient art, on-the-spot improvisation, mind quickness, endless variation, classical formulae, prophetic vision, mighty wind-horse.

~Allen Ginsberg

The best thing about being famous is that it makes it easier to get laid.

~Allen Ginsberg

America I used to be a communist when I was a kid and I'm not sorry.

~Allen Ginsberg

I am learning by the week, but my poesy is still not my own. New rhyme, new me me me in words. I am not all this carven rhetoric.

~Allen Ginsberg

Things are symbols of themselves.

~Allen Ginsberg

America, how can I write a holy litany in your silly mood?

~Allen Ginsberg

Everybody's serious but me.

~Allen Ginsberg

I saw the best minds of my generation who threw their watches off the roof to cast their ballot for Eternity outside of Time, & alarm clocks fell on their heads every day for the next decade.

~Allen Ginsberg

Subject is known by what she sees.

~Allen Ginsberg

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