

# B. B. King

## Quotes

*People, Music, Thinking, Guitar, Play, Men, Player, Night, Want, Mother, Singers, Kings, Three, Names, Way, Black, Brother, Believe, Nice, Song*

The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.

~B. B. King

You only live but once, and when your died your done, so let the good times roll.

~B. B. King

The blues are three L's - living , loving and hopefully, laughing.

~B. B. King

God made Blues right after he made woman.

~B. B. King

A day that I don't learn something new is a wasted day.

~B. B. King

And as long as people have problems, the blues can never die.

~B. B. King

I've said that playing the blues is like having to be black twice. Stevie Ray Vaughan missed on both counts, but I never noticed.

~B. B. King

I wanted to connect my guitar to human emotions.

~B. B. King

Music is good for everybody. They say it soothes the savage beast. Well, I think theirs a beast in all of us. So let's get some more music and soothe all the beasts out there.

~B. B. King

We are here because there are things that need our help. Like the planet. Like each other. Like animals. The world is like a garden, and we are its protectors.

~B. B. King

The blues was like that problem child that you may have had in the family. You was a little bit ashamed to let anybody see him, but you loved him. You just didn't know how other people would take it.

~B. B. King

Nobody loves me but my mother, And she could be jivin' too.

~B. B. King

A guitar is like an old friend that is there with me.

~B. B. King

There's a sadness to all kinds of music if you want to hear it. There's also happiness to it if you want to hear it.

~B. B. King

Ladies, friends, and music - without those three, I wouldn't wanna be here

~B. B. King

No one can take it away from you.

~B. B. King

It seems like I always had to work harder than other people. Those nights when everybody else is asleep, and you sit in your room trying to play scales.

~B. B. King

I can't think of anyone I've mistreated. I've always thought that I am my brother's keeper. And I believe there's a 'great spirit' that takes care of all of us.

~B. B. King

Education is the one thing that no one can take from you.

~B. B. King

Everybody wants to go to Heaven, but no one wants to die to get there!

~B. B. King

We all have idols. Play like anyone you care about but try to be yourself while you're doing so.

~B. B. King

Growing up, I was taught that a man has to defend his family. When the wolf is trying to get in, you gotta stand in the doorway.

~B. B. King

I thought Eric Clapton was good. He still is. Not only is he good - he's rock's #1 guitarist, and he plays blues better than most of us

~B. B. King

May I live forever. But may you live forever and a day.

~B. B. King

I don't like anybody to be angry with me. I'd rather have friends.

~B. B. King

It's going to be years and years before most people realize how greatly he contributed to American music.

~B. B. King

Jazz is the big brother of the blues. If a guy's playing blues like we play, he's in high school. When he starts playing jazz it's like going on to college, to a school of higher learning.

~B. B. King

Water from the white fountain didn't taste any better than from the black

fountain.

~B. B. King

I don't think it's meant for man to know everything at once.

~B. B. King

The blues was bleeding the same blood as me.

~B. B. King

Notes are expensive... spend them wisely

~B. B. King

I never use that word, retire.

~B. B. King

I tried to connect my singing voice to my guitar an' my guitar to my singing voice. Like the two was talking to one another.

~B. B. King

If you want to be a good blues singer, people are going to be down on you, so dress like you're going to the bank to borrow money.

~B. B. King

I'm no good with chords. I'm horrible with chords.

~B. B. King

A lot of people believe what other people say.

~B. B. King

Playing guitar is like telling the truth.

~B. B. King

Many people leave the country to see beautiful places. I just look out the window and see some of the most gorgeous scenery ever, right

here in the USA.

~B. B. King

Janis Joplin sings the blues as hard as any black person.

~B. B. King

Albert King wasn't my brother in blood, but he sure was my brother in Blues

~B. B. King

The way I feel today, as long as my health is good and I can handle myself well and people still come to my concerts, still buy my CDs, I'll keep playing until I feel like I can't.

~B. B. King

If you can't get your songs to people one way, you have to find another.

~B. B. King

I don't try to just be a blues singer - I try to be an entertainer. That has kept me going.

~B. B. King

I call myself a blues singer, but you ain't never heard me call myself a blues guitar man.

~B. B. King

I do it because I still get a kick out of it. I still love performing. It keeps me young.

~B. B. King

When I was young, I didn't play like I do today. So these kids are starting at the height that I've reached. Think what they might do over time.

~B. B. King

When you don't have much money, you worry that they'll just put you in the ground someplace and your loved ones won't know where you are.

~B. B. King

I don't think anybody steals anything; all of us borrow.

~B. B. King

I've put up with more humiliation than I care to remember.

~B. B. King

You never miss what you've never had. I never had any other life. I didn't know any other life.

~B. B. King

When I sing, I play in my mind; the minute I stop singing orally, I start to sing by playing Lucille.

~B. B. King

The Blues? It's the mother of American music. That's what it is - the source.

~B. B. King

Being a blues singer is like being black two times.

~B. B. King

I've always liked ladies all my life. I guess it started with my mom. So every time I saw a pretty lady, I thought, she's pretty.

~B. B. King

I don't like to feel that I owe anything. I like to feel that I pay my own way, no free lunch.

~B. B. King

I've been married twice. Most women would rather not be married to a traveling blues singer

~B. B. King

It just seemed to me that the way I played was nice. I could hear it myself.

~B. B. King

The crowds treat me like my last name. When I go onstage people usually stand up, I never ask them to, but they do. They stand up and they don't know how much I appreciate it.

~B. B. King

I guess you can look at me, and tell I'm the old man. My name is BB King.

~B. B. King

Elvis, he was unique. And he loved the blues, it was a pity he didn't do more.

~B. B. King

I gave you seven children, but now you want to give them back.

~B. B. King

I can't afford no liquor, all I can buy is beer and wine.

~B. B. King

I'd rather be B.B. King. That's the way I started. Let the heavy metal guys play heavy metal, let the others play the other ... I try to do what I do better, not get away from it.

~B. B. King

There are so many sounds I still want to make, so many things I haven't yet done.



~B. B. King

Kenny Burrell is overall the greatest guitarist in the world and he's my favorite.

~B. B. King

Sometimes the proprietors of the little juke joints gave me a couple dollars. I loved that. I'd go back next Saturday.

~B. B. King

Religion began as a natural explanation of the universe. The problem started when people refused to accept new evidence.

~B. B. King

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