

# Ben E. King Quotes

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When I got involved with The Five Crowns who later became The Drifters, and we got this hit record, I still was looking at this as kind of a fun thing.

~Ben E. King

When the night has come and the land is dark and the moon is the only light we see. No, I won't be afraid, no, I won't be afraid, just as long as you stand, stand by me.

~Ben E. King

Those things don't happen today. I feel sorry for the kids in the industry today. They have on sunglasses, eat caviar in jet planes, but they'll never know the true feeling that we did.

~Ben E. King

If the sky that we look upon should tumble and fall. Or the mountain should crumble to the sea. I won't cry, no I won't shed a tear, just as long as you stand by me.

~Ben E. King

I always felt I never chose music, it chose me.

~Ben E. King

I still perform it in all my shows. I'll do it as long as I'm breathing. I'm so proud it has stood the test of time.

~Ben E. King

You're writing it is how you feel. And when you're finished you put your signature on it and you mail it off and that's it. And that's how "Stand By Me" was really.

~Ben E. King

I do like what Alicia Keys and John Legend are doing. With their music, you keep your clothes on.

~Ben E. King

I do a lot of Vegas work and work with the comedians.

~Ben E. King

I still think my whole career was accidental. I didn't pursue it. I feel like I'm cheating sometimes.

~Ben E. King

It doesn't take me long to write songs.

~Ben E. King

I never even visualized for a second doing what I'm doing.

~Ben E. King

Of course, the kids who had never heard of a person called Ben E. King were then aware of the name associated with the song. That gave a tremendous lift to me as an artist.

~Ben E. King

Most black singers like to slow the word down and, and go directly to your heart. They're not interested in your ears, we just want to go directly to your heart.

~Ben E. King

And, because there was an honesty about all that was going on. It connected with the people in the street.

~Ben E. King

I don't care what studio I'm in, I don't care what producers is producing it and I don't care what song it is because they taught me those things I feel so protected wherever I go as far as music.

~Ben E. King

Yeah. I've been pretty fortunate to travel I guess, all around the place.

~Ben E. King

I enjoyed singing, I loved song writing, I loved recording. All those things that involves with creating music was great.

~Ben E. King

The industry now wants to be in charge of everything.

~Ben E. King

It never dawned on me at any particular time of my life that people are paid tremendous money to sing.

~Ben E. King

A singer has got a different attitude, they're they're so whacked out they don't know what they're doing half the time. Singers, they don't, they're spoiled too.

~Ben E. King

It's a different thing when you go into a studio and you record with the intent of going somewhere and you're marketing yourself for that direction.

~Ben E. King

Yeah. I'm amateurish. I can play enough to write a song, or strum on a little guitar to write out a song. But, I don't play well at all. I wouldn't even attempt for a second to play in public.

~Ben E. King

Many times I've gone on tours with Paul Anka. He would have someone sitting behind him to keep people from even talking to him. You were almost in a little restricted area there.

~Ben E. King

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