

Ben Harper Quotes

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I get diminishing returns when I bore myself in an interview.

~Ben Harper

When your whole world is shaken from all the risks we have taken,
Dance with me, dance with me into the colors of the dusk.

~Ben Harper

I'm not going to do the Ben Harper house record or the Ben Harper drum 'n' bass record.

~Ben Harper

Let us burn one from end to end, and pass it over to me my friend.

~Ben Harper

What enables me to believe in anything is hope.

~Ben Harper

Make sure the fortune that you seek is the fortune that you need.

~Ben Harper

Music is the last true voice of the human spirit. It can go beyond language, beyond age, and beyond color straight to the mind and heart of all people.

~Ben Harper

I'm a living sunset, lightning in my bones.

~Ben Harper

Every moral has a story, every story has an end. Every battle has its glory, and its consequence.

~Ben Harper

As long as someone else controls your history the truth shall remain just a mystery

~Ben Harper

Distance is temporary, but our love is permanent. This may be the last time I see you, but if you keep me in your heart, together we shall be eternal; if you believe, we shall never part.

~Ben Harper

You look like gold. I've been fooled before, but now I know I've made the mistake in the past. But now I, now I know the difference from gold and brass.

~Ben Harper

That happens every time I get behind a guitar, regardless of what I'm saying, 'cause music is freedom and being free is the closest I've ever felt to being spiritual.

~Ben Harper

Take my hand when you are worried
Take my hand when you're alone
Take my hand and let me guide you
Take my hand to lead you home.

~Ben Harper

Don't let what you have to heal from blind you to how much there is to heal for.

~Ben Harper

All that we can't say is all we need to hear.

~Ben Harper

There's no love like a lost love and no pain like a broken heart.

~Ben Harper

I'm more afraid of falling than I am of flying high. I'm not as scared of dying as I am of growing old. Every battle has its glory and its consequence.

~Ben Harper

It turns out that there is something more magnificent than nature. It's love.

~Ben Harper

People say, "How do you write songs?" I say, "Patience." I may have a track that's hot, but no words. I'll just let it sit for years, because I know they're going to meet. They'll find it.

~Ben Harper

Genetics do play a role in how you consciously or subconsciously manifest your true self.

~Ben Harper

As long as the songs are strong, I think you can express yourself in any style and have it be soulful and have it be your own voice.

~Ben Harper

Life is short and if you're looking for extension, you had best do well. 'Cause there's good deeds and then there's good intentions. They are as far apart as Heaven and Hell.

~Ben Harper

My choice is what I choose to be.

~Ben Harper

Forever always seems to be around when it begins, but forever never seems to be around when it ends

~Ben Harper

The spirit is what guides my life, and I'm humbly on my knees in thanks for guidance and direction every day. But God is not something to be preached, it's something to be lived.

~Ben Harper

I really feel there's no limitation on what this band can do in the studio or on the stage. That's an empowering feeling - that we can bring a song to life.

~Ben Harper

The Blind Boys are truly the deepest well of American musical heritage you can discover.

~Ben Harper

The world awakens on the run
And will soon be earning
With hopes of better days to come
It's a morning yearning.

~Ben Harper

I really feel like the sky is the limit with the Innocent Criminals today.

~Ben Harper

It's not easy for a mother and son to sing a duet. You can't just sing about anything.

~Ben Harper

There's something in everyone only they know.

~Ben Harper

But I would never insult the people that love this music and I would never insult the blessing of music in my life and I would never insult myself by playing uninspired music.

~Ben Harper

We figured you could download live shows for days, so we decided to go for a cream-of-the-crop approach, but not just take the best vocal or the best performances.

~Ben Harper

If I fall, I fall. I'll rise up like anybody else.

~Ben Harper

Folk is bare bones music.

~Ben Harper

If it comes out sounding like Dixieland jazz or classical or punk or rock or even slightly metal, that's because that's where I'm going to find inspiration.

~Ben Harper

Every man's actions belong to him.

~Ben Harper

Could've sworn I heard you say Amen this morning, showing some kind of sign that you believe. Did it fall from your tongue without warning? Or just another trick to fall from your sleeve?

~Ben Harper

When you hear Doc Watson singing Amazing Grace, something else enters the room.

~Ben Harper

The music is in the lead here, and a large part of this, I have no idea what I'm doing. I feel a closer bond with the craft of songwriting, stronger than I ever have.

~Ben Harper

I want to try to be who I am today, not who I was yesterday.

~Ben Harper

I refuse to make uninspired music.

~Ben Harper

I refuse to age disgracefully in rock 'n' roll.

~Ben Harper

If you're gonna live, then live it up. If you're gonna give, then give it up. If you're gonna walk the Earth, then walk it proud. If you're gonna say the word, you got to say it loud.

~Ben Harper

If you're gonna live, then live it up.

~Ben Harper

The good news is at this point as I get older, the load has gotten heavier but my shoulders have gotten wider because I've gotten happier so it's a damn good thing.

~Ben Harper

Some things You have to let be lost Some battles, some battles You have to leave unfought. Then the truth just wastes away In all we dare not say. And in all we can't explain But I faithfully remain.

~Ben Harper

I appreciate that something I've done has found a safe place to land.

~Ben Harper

When you have everything, you have everything to lose.

~Ben Harper

My head works in music, so there's always music there.

~Ben Harper

A candle throws its light into the darkness, in a nasty world so shines a good deed. Make sure the fortune that you seek is the fortune that you need.

~Ben Harper

Now that you've grown up, You can finally learn to be a child, We made it to the end of the world, But we'll never make it out alive...

~Ben Harper

I write songs and I sing them from the deepest part of my existence and I hope they connect with the deepest part of yours.

~Ben Harper

I've never made a record that didn't sound better than what was in my head - that's sort of my rule.

~Ben Harper

The advice I have for new artists is this - write great songs and play them live as often as possible. Get residencies all over town and crush it.

~Ben Harper

My main concern when travelling around the world is finding a place to skateboard!

~Ben Harper

Every single time I step into the studio, I say, 'Can I still do this? Do I still have it? Have I ever had it?' I suppose there's a good amount of self-loathing that goes into any form of artisanship.

~Ben Harper

You're living life in real time, man, and we've got a good amount of work to do for each other. Hiding is not an option and you're going to step out and you're going to make mistakes.

~Ben Harper

If interviews are just interviews or if music is just music, why are we even doing it? You only get so many hours in a lifetime, man.

~Ben Harper

I can't not put myself in the shoes of every person I pass.

~Ben Harper

I want to try to not be the child that had to go through too much too young. I want to be who I am now and not who I was then.

~Ben Harper

I don't know how to not become every person I walk by.

~Ben Harper

To go through this life and see it through - what it really is - and not be insane or addicted, is a minor miracle for anyone.

~Ben Harper

Don't be discouraged by writer's block. Writer's block just means you need to listen to other music.

~Ben Harper

We've changed our reflections, but inside we're just a child.

~Ben Harper

There's so much there, there's so much to heal for.

~Ben Harper

As a songwriter, I don't rush. I may sit on lyrics for two years before the music hits.

~Ben Harper

You can kill a lot of time if you really want to put your mind to it Or leave it all behind and never really have to go through it

~Ben Harper

You have to do what you believe in.

~Ben Harper

Sometimes I think to talk too much about music almost cheapens it

~Ben Harper

Try it first And you'll see its a blessing And it's not a curse

~Ben Harper

I love being on the road, I love playing.

~Ben Harper

My family owns a music store in Claremont, California, called The Claremont Folk Music Center.

~Ben Harper

You're definitely a different person at different stages in your life.

~Ben Harper

I dont know if hell exists, but there sure as hell are some people who dont belong in heaven.

~Ben Harper

I'm really looking forward to, not more of the same, but a continual growth.

~Ben Harper

If I'm inspired and music inspires me, then I will continue to play it.

~Ben Harper

With so many people to love in my life, why do I worry about one?

~Ben Harper

There's no room in my life for religion. Religion is separation and segregation of God. How can you segregate the Almighty?

~Ben Harper

I grew up listening to spiritual music, Blind Willie Johnson and folk.

~Ben Harper

If you don't like my fire, then don't come around. Cause I'm gonna burn one down.

~Ben Harper

The lifetime we've left behind with strangers Promises and lies both have their dangers. I just can't be wrong enough and I can't hide for long enough So far away, but I still feel your pain.

~Ben Harper

Every time feels like my first time. And I just find that the process of it feeds into one's own self-obsession.

~Ben Harper

We're always moving forward in different places physically and psychologically.

~Ben Harper

People who try to define their spirituality sometimes are annoying, 'cause the spirit is something you feel and let guide you and humbly respect.

~Ben Harper

Now I love to feel that warm southern rain, Just to hear it fall is the sweetest sounding thing. And to see it fall on your simple country dress It's like heaven to me I must confess.

~Ben Harper

I can change the world With my own two hands Make a better place With my own two hands Make a kinder place.

~Ben Harper

It just takes a pebble to bring down a good man.

~Ben Harper

You can run away from home But you can't run away from your pain I
sit here alone There's always someone else to blame.

~Ben Harper

The woman in you is the worry in me.

~Ben Harper

Time is really for those who really need it. I mean, I deal with it. A lot of
people are slaves to the second, minute hand. I can't do that!

~Ben Harper

I just want to keep doing what I feel.

~Ben Harper

These eyes weren't made for crying, this love wasn't made to waste.
These arms weren't made for battle, but to share in your embrace.

~Ben Harper

We've all got stardust in our bones.

~Ben Harper

I knew a girl, her name was Truth. She was a terrible liar.

~Ben Harper

You can't just say 'I love you,' you have to live 'I love you.'

~Ben Harper

They say time will make all this go away. But it's time that has taken my
tomorrows and turned them into yesterdays.

~Ben Harper

Just because you have a hit doesn't mean you're good [at music]. Just means you got a hit.

~Ben Harper

My choice is what I choose to do and if I'm causing no harm it shouldn't bother you. Your choice is who you choose to be and if you're causin' no harm, then your alright with me.

~Ben Harper

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