

# Bil Keane

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Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

~Bil Keane

A hug is like a boomerang - you get it back right away.

~Bil Keane

Today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.

~Bil Keane

They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything.

~Bil Keane

A peaceful home is as sacred a place as any chapel or cathedral.

~Bil Keane

Goal begins with "GO."

~Bil Keane

We are, in the comics, the last frontier of good, wholesome family humor and entertainment.

~Bil Keane

I don't have to come up with a ha-ha belly laugh every day, but drawings with warmth and love or ones that put a lump in the throat. That's more important to me than a laugh.

~Bil Keane

Many of my cartoons are not a belly laugh. I go for nostalgia, the lump in the throat, the tear in the eye, the tug in the heart.

~Bil Keane

I think it's a novelty for cartoon characters to cross over into another

strip or panel occasionally.

~Bil Keane

I never studied art, but taught myself to draw by imitating the New Yorker cartoonists of that day, instead of doing my homework.

~Bil Keane

Sometimes I get the feeling that I'm stranded in the wrong time where love is just a lyric in a children's rhyme

~Bil Keane

OF COURSE I'd like to be the ideal mother. But I'm too busy raising children.

~Bil Keane

On radio and television, magazines and the movies, you can't tell what you're going to get. When you look at the comic page, you can usually depend on something acceptable by the entire family.

~Bil Keane

In Roslyn, Pennsylvania, we started our real-life family circus. They provided the inspiration for my cartoons. I provided the perspiration.

~Bil Keane

Oh simple thing, where have you gone? I'm getting old and I need something to rely on So tell me when you're gonna let me in I'm getting tired and I need somewhere to begin

~Bil Keane

I don't just try to be funny.

~Bil Keane

Lovesick, bitter and hardened heart. Aching, waiting for life to start

~Bil Keane

God put Santa Claus on earth to remind us that Christmas is 'sposed to be a happy time.

~Bil Keane

I like to feel that what I'm doing portrays this: a family where there is love between mother, father and the kids. It's a subject that is near and dear to me.

~Bil Keane

I didn't always spell my name Bil. My parents named me Bill, but when I started drawing cartoons on the wall, they knocked the 'L' out of me.

~Bil Keane

Mommy would never divorce Daddy. He's just like one of the family.

~Bil Keane

Time goes by at such a pace, it's funny how it's easy to forget her face

~Bil Keane

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