

Billy Joel

Quotes

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Dream on, but don't imagine they'll all come true. When will you realize... Vienna waits for you.

~Billy Joel

There's nothing better than good sex. But bad sex? A peanut butter and jelly sandwich is better than bad sex.

~Billy Joel

Musicians want to be the loud voice for so many quiet hearts.

~Billy Joel

I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.

~Billy Joel

I've come to realize that life is not a musical comedy, it's a Greek tragedy.

~Billy Joel

Only the good die young.

~Billy Joel

I am no longer afraid of becoming lost, because the journey back always reveals something new, and that is ultimately good for the artist.

~Billy Joel

I could walk away from anyone I ever knew, but I can't walk away from you.

~Billy Joel

Some folks like to get away Take a holiday from the neighborhood. Hop a flight to Miami Beach Or to Hollywood But I'm talking a Greyhound On

the Hudson River Line. I'm in a New York state of mind.

~Billy Joel

In an age of incompetence, I've been able to last in this crazy business. I actually know how to play my ax and write a song. That's my job.

~Billy Joel

I did write a letter to the archdiocese who'd banned the song, Only the Good Die Young, asking them to ban my next record.

~Billy Joel

I watched the mighty skyline fall

~Billy Joel

If you are not doing what you love, you are wasting your time.

~Billy Joel

I'm probably writing music now for the same reason as I started writing songs when I was 14 - to meet women.

~Billy Joel

Do what you love, and you'll always love what you do

~Billy Joel

We all end in the ocean. We all start in the streams. We're all carried along, by the river of dreams.

~Billy Joel

We drown our doubts in dry champagne and soothe our souls with fine cocaine. I don't know why I even care, we get so high and get nowhere.

~Billy Joel

Say goodbye to the oldies, but goodies, because the good old days

weren't always good and tomorrow ain't as bad as it seems

~Billy Joel

I am, as I've said, merely competent. But in an age of incompetence, that makes me extraordinary.

~Billy Joel

I'd rather laugh with the sinners than cry with the saints - the sinners are much more fun.

~Billy Joel

There's an old man sitting next to me, making love to his tonic and gin.

~Billy Joel

I keep telling people: Don't make me the poster boy for AA because I don't know a lot about sobriety, but I do know a lot about drinking.

~Billy Joel

Don't wait for answers, just take your chances. Don't ask me why.

~Billy Joel

Some people stay away from the door for the chance of it opening up.

~Billy Joel

Take risks. Take chances. Don't be afraid. You gotta go into life brave.

~Billy Joel

She'll carelessly cut you and laugh while you're bleeding.

~Billy Joel

No matter what culture you're from, everyone loves music.

~Billy Joel

I definitely prefer being a lover than a fighter.

~Billy Joel

Videos destroyed the vitality of rock and roll. Before that, music said, "Listen to me." Now it says, "Look at me."

~Billy Joel

I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity.

~Billy Joel

Honesty is such a lonely word. Everyone is so untrue.

~Billy Joel

I'm sure you have some cosmic rationale, but here you are with your faith and your Peter Pan advice.

~Billy Joel

I believe there is a time for meditation in cathedrals of our own.

~Billy Joel

You should never argue with a crazy mind, you ought to know my now.

~Billy Joel

We might be laughing a bit too loud, but that never hurt no one

~Billy Joel

I would not leave you in your times of trouble. We never could have come this far. I took the good times, I'll take the bad times, I'll take you just the way you are.

~Billy Joel

I may be an antique like the Stones, but antiques are valuable.

~Billy Joel

It's OK if you mess up. You should give yourself a break.

~Billy Joel

For whatever reason, not all people are born with the particular gift of being able to express ourselves through music. And, believe me, it is a gift.

~Billy Joel

Remember how I found you there alone in your electric chair, I told you dirty jokes until you smiled.

~Billy Joel

You'll learn more from your accidents than anything that you could ever learn at school.

~Billy Joel

Call me a joker, call me a fool, right at this moment I'm totally cool.

~Billy Joel

I'm a statistic in a system that a civil servant dominates.

~Billy Joel

Hot funk, cold punk, even if it's old junk, it's still rock and roll to me.

~Billy Joel

As long as there are memories, yesterday remains. As long as there is hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as there is friendship, today is beautiful.

~Billy Joel

I don't want some pretty face to tell me pretty lies, all I want is someone to believe.

~Billy Joel

Slow down you're doing fine You can't be everything you want to be before your time.

~Billy Joel

I'm not the kind of guy who wants to be on a pedestal.

~Billy Joel

She's the quiet type who's into heavy metal.

~Billy Joel

Someday we'll all be gone, but lullabies go on and on / They never die, that's how you and I will be

~Billy Joel

She can kill with her smile, she can wound with her eyes.

~Billy Joel

I believe that all important matters have to be settled here, not in the clouds somewhere after we kick off.

~Billy Joel

You've got to be hard, like the rock in that old rock & roll.

~Billy Joel

I said I love you and that's forever And this I promise from the heart I could not love you any better I love you just the way you are.

~Billy Joel

Critics have said I write without spontaneity, in cold blood. I don't. I write in hot blood.

~Billy Joel

There are people who have lost every trace of human kindness.

~Billy Joel

Some people stay far away from the door if there's a chance of it opening up. They hear a voice in the hall outside and hope that it just passes by.

~Billy Joel

...And you're the only one who knows.

~Billy Joel

In every heart there is a room, A sanctuary safe and strong, To heal the wounds from lovers past, Until a new one comes along

~Billy Joel

you may be right, I may be crazy, but it just might be a lunatic you're looking for

~Billy Joel

I've lived long enough to have learned, the closer you get to the fire, the more you get burned.

~Billy Joel

Black and white is how it should be, but shades of grey are the colors I see.

~Billy Joel

Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes; I'm afraid it's time for goodbye again

~Billy Joel

In a way, we are magicians. We are alchemists, sorcerers and wizards. We are a very strange bunch. But there is great fun in being a wizard.

~Billy Joel

You can speak your mind But not on my time.

~Billy Joel

I have long admired Steinway pianos for their qualities of tone, clarity, pitch consistency, touch responsiveness, and superior craftsmanship.

~Billy Joel

It's alright, you can afford to lose a day or two

~Billy Joel

More than art, more than literature, music is universally accessible.

~Billy Joel

Musicians now find themselves in the unlikely position of being legitimate. At least the IRS thinks so.

~Billy Joel

I've learned to dance with a hand in my pants.

~Billy Joel

I have a theory that the only original things we ever do are mistakes.

~Billy Joel

Twyla Tharp put it together from the material I wrote and recorded over my whole career. I thought it was pretty good, but how objective could I be?

~Billy Joel

You've given me the best of you, but now I need the rest of you.

~Billy Joel

Have you listened to the radio lately? Have you heard the canned, frozen and processed product being dished up to the world as American popular music today?

~Billy Joel

I have been both praised and criticized. The criticism stung, but the

praise sometimes bothered me even more. To have received such praise and honors has always been puzzling to me.

~Billy Joel

We are living in a time when American popular music is finally being recognized as one of our most successful exports. The demand is huge.

~Billy Joel

We all have a face that we hide away forever, and we take them out and show ourselves when everyone has gone.

~Billy Joel

They say there's a heaven for those who wait, some say it's better I say it ain't.

~Billy Joel

Most people are satisfied with the junk food being sold as music.

~Billy Joel

The joy of life is made up of obscure and seemingly mundane victories that give us our own small satisfactions.

~Billy Joel

I was drawn to boxing because I got beat up as a kid. I was the kid with the piano books in a New York neighbourhood.

~Billy Joel

I really wish I was less of a thinking man and more of a fool not afraid of rejection.

~Billy Joel

Call you up in the middle of the night. It's awful hard trying to make love long distance, but I really need stimulation.

~Billy Joel

The whole world loves American movies, blue jeans, jazz and rock and roll. It is probably a better way to get to know our country than by what politicians or airline commercials represent.

~Billy Joel

I consider myself to be an inept pianist, a bad singer, and a merely competent songwriter. What I do, in my opinion, is by no means extraordinary.

~Billy Joel

Why do musicians give so much time to charitable causes? The most humanitarian cause that we can give our time to is the creation and performance of music itself.

~Billy Joel

I don't know why I go to extremes.

~Billy Joel

I'm in a New York state of mind

~Billy Joel

There's a deep-seated paranoia that Americans have about not being Americans or something.

~Billy Joel

When I was 19, I made my first good week's pay as a club musician. It was enough money for me to quit my job at the factory and still pay the rent and buy some food. I freaked.

~Billy Joel

I think historically America has been pretty tolerant. It seems when there's a mass influx from one place, that's when it becomes

problematic for Americans.

~Billy Joel

And so my child and I came to this place to meet him eye to eye and face to face. He made my daughter laugh, then we embraced. We never knew what friends we had, until we came to Leningrad.

~Billy Joel

I don't care what consequence it brings, I have been a fool for lesser things.

~Billy Joel

I've reached the age where competence is a turn-on.

~Billy Joel

Those who have expressed doubts and misgivings about their ability to live this kind of life shouldn't try, because being a musician is not something you chose to be, it is something you are.

~Billy Joel

I always hated my hair, so now it's going away.

~Billy Joel

Drank a lot of take home pay.

~Billy Joel

What will it take for you to believe in me, the way that I believe in you?

~Billy Joel

I look in the mirror and think, 'I don't look like a rock star.' I talked about this with Bono and we looked at each other and decided we look like a pair of bricklayers.

~Billy Joel

A typical day in the life of a heavy metal musician consists of a round of golf and an AA meeting.

~Billy Joel

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