

Bonnie Raitt

Quotes

*People, Thinking, Guitar, Song, Artist, Years, Real, Age, Jobs, Knows, Feels,
Men, Play, Political, Kids, Rights, Rocks, Blessing, Looks, Issues*

Ugly ducklings don't turn into swans and glide off down the lake. Whether your sunglasses are on or off, you only see the world you make.

~Bonnie Raitt

The consolidation of the music business has made it difficult to encourage styles like the blues, all of which deserve to be celebrated as part of our most treasured national resources.

~Bonnie Raitt

Religion is for people who are scared to go to hell. Spirituality is for people who have already been there.

~Bonnie Raitt

I never saw music in terms of men and women or black and white. There was just cool and uncool.

~Bonnie Raitt

There were so many great music and political scenes going on in the late '60s in Cambridge. The ratio of guys to girls at Harvard was four to one, so all of those things were playing in my mind.

~Bonnie Raitt

Life gets mighty precious when there's less of it to waste.

~Bonnie Raitt

Solar power is the last energy resource that isn't owned yet - nobody taxes the sun yet.

~Bonnie Raitt

It's incredible to see labor unions and environmentalists getting together to stop the corporate mentality that destroys both jobs and the environment.

~Bonnie Raitt

We can live in fear or act out of hope.

~Bonnie Raitt

It's always enjoyable to listen to a friend's work, but if it doesn't resonate with you, then you can just appreciate it and it inspires you in its own way.

~Bonnie Raitt

We can choose, you know, we ain't no amoeba.

~Bonnie Raitt

I think people must wonder how a white girl like me became a blues guitarist. The truth is, I never intended to do this for a living.

~Bonnie Raitt

I would rather feel things in extreme than not at all.

~Bonnie Raitt

I think my fans will follow me into our combined old age. Real musicians and real fans stay together for a long, long time.

~Bonnie Raitt

I don't want to sound like a self-help book, but it really has been transformative for me to take a look at my relationships in a new way and see my part in them. Everybody's going through that.

~Bonnie Raitt

There's nothing like living a long time to create a depth and soulfulness in your music.

~Bonnie Raitt

I grew up in Los Angeles in a Quaker family, and for me being Quaker was a political calling rather than a religious one.

~Bonnie Raitt

When they were putting oil rigs up and down the California coast, the whole issue of safe energy and the addiction to fossil fuels really came into focus.

~Bonnie Raitt

There are so many people out there working with great grassroots and global and national organizations that are unsung heroes to me.

~Bonnie Raitt

I've watched my peers get better with age and hoped that would happen with me.

~Bonnie Raitt

I finally learned to accept that I can't make radio play blues any more than I could get Reagan out of the White House.

~Bonnie Raitt

A lot of political music to me can be rather pedantic and corny, and when it's done right - like Bruce Springsteen or Jackson Browne or great satire from Randy Newman, there's nothing better.

~Bonnie Raitt

It is still a surprise when people tell me that I've had an influence on them, particularly when it's someone I really respect.

~Bonnie Raitt

I don't need any drug to show me Heaven And I sure know how to spend plenty of time cleaning Hell But I'm missin' that feeling of falling.

~Bonnie Raitt

My love was Bob Dylan, but as I got older I realized a good ballad was a good ballad.

~Bonnie Raitt

I'm proud of the way I rearrange and put things together, like a chef who makes a great meal, or a filmmaker who puts together a story - it's casting, editing, cinematography.

~Bonnie Raitt

In blues, classical and jazz, you get more revered with age.

~Bonnie Raitt

I've been lucky enough that I can gather all sorts of experiences and find inspiration by traveling around and by spending time with people I admire.

~Bonnie Raitt

When you love a song so much you have to sing, you know how you feel - it releases something in you that resonates as true, whether it's James Brown or Joni Mitchell.

~Bonnie Raitt

The great thing about the arts, and especially popular music, is that it really does cut across genres and races and classes.

~Bonnie Raitt

I just want to be as good a person as I can be.

~Bonnie Raitt

The fifth member of my band is my non-profit work.

~Bonnie Raitt

The one thing I know is that if you're not paying attention, it will come back to bite you.

~Bonnie Raitt

How I measure success is getting to make another record and being able to come back to the same town and play again cause you sold

out the last time.

~Bonnie Raitt

People come up to me all the time who saw Dad in 'Oklahoma!' or 'Pajama Game,' and they say they'll never forget it.

~Bonnie Raitt

I can't make you love me if you don't, You can't make your heart feel something it won't.

~Bonnie Raitt

I just play the music that I love with musicians that I respect, and fortunately, I'm in a position where people are willing to play with me, and perhaps I can do something to help them.

~Bonnie Raitt

I think I'm a living embodiment of, 'Don't try to push me around or squash me,' whether its how I talk to a record label or in my relationships.

~Bonnie Raitt

With the new ways of getting music out, you don't need a label if you're a legacy artist.

~Bonnie Raitt

I'll close my eyes, so I won't see, all of the love that you don't feel for me.

~Bonnie Raitt

I can't make you love me, if you don't.

~Bonnie Raitt

I thought I had to live that partying lifestyle in order to be authentic, but in fact if you keep it up too long, all you're going to be is sloppy or dead.

~Bonnie Raitt

Since I was 20 years old, I've been a kind of corporation. I'd wake up in the morning and my job was to be 'Bonnie Raitt' in capital letters.

~Bonnie Raitt

It's so thrilling. And not just the music. The Internet is changing the future of fund-raising. I'm thrilled by the potential.

~Bonnie Raitt

Thank God for Occupy and thank God for 'The Daily Show,' Colbert and the rising up that's going on around the world.

~Bonnie Raitt

I made my first album, and I guess it wasn't a fluke, because now I'm on my 16th.

~Bonnie Raitt

There would be no rock and roll or rhythm and blues without Leo Fenders' contribution ... the tone is everything

~Bonnie Raitt

I don't think there's ever been any music quite like what we came up with.

~Bonnie Raitt

I have a really full life, both within music and outside it.

~Bonnie Raitt

AC/DC's 'Highway to Hell' is the greatest meshing of vocal, guitar, and content I've ever heard. That's what I aspire to.

~Bonnie Raitt

It's very personal in California to live within hours, and sometimes just a

few miles, of earthquake faults when nuclear plants were being built.

~Bonnie Raitt

There are a lot of people that never get their stories told.

~Bonnie Raitt

You create the happiness and the balance that you have, and your own power. This is one thing that I know to be true.

~Bonnie Raitt

Some people are caricatures of themselves, and some people keep people coming back and keep themselves growing. Otherwise, the fans would get bored.

~Bonnie Raitt

Jazz and blues fests are everywhere now, and Americana is going strong on college radio. What I'm hearing is an appreciation of real music.

~Bonnie Raitt

The arts can be a great way to bring people together. I don't preach from the stage. I try to stay positive on solutions.

~Bonnie Raitt

There's something about the Strat's shape that is at once masculine and feminine

~Bonnie Raitt

Finding great songs is the hard part of my gig - it's not as hard as songwriting, that's much more daunting - but I love playing other people's music.

~Bonnie Raitt

I like to think I get better with age, but maybe absence makes the heart

grow fonder.

~Bonnie Raitt

Pat Benatar might need a rock band, but I can just sit with a blues guitar for an hour and a half and do folk songs and great contemporary ballads, and not many people can pull that off.

~Bonnie Raitt

I was offered to take over for Reba in 'Annie Get Your Gun,' but it wasn't where I wanted to be. I think my fans would be upset if I confined my shows to one city for a long period of time.

~Bonnie Raitt

One of the things that I'm glad about, though, is that regular people can relate to me.

~Bonnie Raitt

I speak my mind and come from a place of conscience, as well as have fun as a musician.

~Bonnie Raitt

I learned by experience that you can change your circumstance. It's as simple as the serenity prayer; it's a very, very real thing.

~Bonnie Raitt

I'm glad I get singled out for my slide guitar-playing, which isn't that difficult to do. I didn't take guitar lessons, but I just love the way it sounds, almost like the human voice.

~Bonnie Raitt

With slide guitar, you're just hanging this piece of glass on your hand. It's a really beautiful instrument in that it's so responsive, you're just slipping your hand back and forth.

~Bonnie Raitt

I was raised with the blessing of being involved with peace and social justice, and the environmental movement. I have my parents to thank for that.

~Bonnie Raitt

Maybe the idea of me is more powerful than I perceive myself being.

~Bonnie Raitt

I don't want to discredit people's opinions of me, but you talk about the violin or the cello or lead guitar where you have to learn tons of chords, that's much more difficult.

~Bonnie Raitt

I don't know that I'm unique in that people relate to my music, but I would hope people would say that I'm honest and that I do the best work I can possibly do instead of coasting.

~Bonnie Raitt

I would like to inspire a lot of people to be active and give back.

~Bonnie Raitt

I'm one of those people who just doesn't plan my personal life. I plan my professional life.

~Bonnie Raitt

I learned a lot about what it was like to have to use different hotels and not use the bathrooms, which made me more determined to be an activist.

~Bonnie Raitt

I hope I'm an integrous person who cleans up their messes when I've been a jerk.

~Bonnie Raitt

I'm happy to have been a positive influence.

~Bonnie Raitt

It's a lot harder to be clear-headed, but the good stuff is when you start realizing who's really you.

~Bonnie Raitt

Whatever role we were in our family of birth, we take on this persona and in your 20s and 30s in particular, you end up thinking that's you and that isn't necessarily you.

~Bonnie Raitt

I'm not that beautiful, and I don't want to be a pop star.

~Bonnie Raitt

You don't have to look a certain way to have a hit record.

~Bonnie Raitt

Really important issues are getting lost, so I can say I'm glad to be a citizen of the planet and do my part.

~Bonnie Raitt

Related Links:

- People Quotes
- Thinking Quotes
- Guitar Quotes
- Song Quotes
- Artist Quotes
- Years Quotes
- Real Quotes
- Age Quotes
- Jobs Quotes
- Knows Quotes
- Feels Quotes
- Men Quotes
- Play Quotes
- Political Quotes
- Kids Quotes
- Rights Quotes
- Rocks Quotes
- Blessing Quotes
- Looks Quotes
- Issues Quotes