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You can't eat fish. It's 6,000 parts DDT per million all over the world, not counting radiation.

~Dick Dale

I grew a love for helpless, defenseless things. People would give me lions and jaguars. I had cheetahs, monkeys.

~Dick Dale

I always wanted a guitar. I always wanted to be a cowboy singer because I also listened to Hank Williams, and he would always sing these neat romantic songs.

~Dick Dale

Buddy Rich was one of the most incredible technicians in the world, on this planet, but the only people he could really impress, who knew what he was doing was another musician or another drummer.

~Dick Dale

There's a saying. If you want someone to love you forever, buy a dog, feed it and keep it around.

~Dick Dale

I used to be a mean maniac. Someone once threw a firecracker at a show and I jumped off the side of the stage and whacked 'em on the side of the head.

~Dick Dale

My uncle gave me a trumpet, but I loved the Louis Armstrong sound and the Harry James sound and I played by ear and I played always soulful or very direct from the gut.

~Dick Dale

The kids called me King of the Surf Guitar. I surfed sunup to sundown.

~Dick Dale

Guitar Player Magazine says Dick Dale is the father of Heavy Metal, blowing up 48 amplifiers, creating the first power amplifier.

~Dick Dale

My philosophy is the thicker the wood the thicker the sound, the bigger the string the bigger the sound. My smallest string is a 14 gauge.

~Dick Dale

I don't play pyrotechnic scales. I play about frustration, patience, anger. Music is an extension of my soul.

~Dick Dale

You know, music is sex. It's a sensual driving mode that affects people if it's played a certain way.

~Dick Dale

I met Leo Fender, who is the guru of all amplifiers, and he gave me a Stratocaster. He became a second father to me.

~Dick Dale

I'm a perfectionist. I'm not going to cheat the people.

~Dick Dale

Every song is like a painting.

~Dick Dale

I can play every instrument there is, every horn, I've played all the saxes and trumpets and everything and keyboards.

~Dick Dale

I've got holes in my guitar.

~Dick Dale

I almost had to have my leg amputated because of an infection.

~Dick Dale

I'll just tell you the way it is. You ask me what time it is and I'm gonna tell you how to build a clock.

~Dick Dale

I don't claim to be a musician, I didn't go to Julliard.

~Dick Dale

My aunt played the piano and I used to sit and listen to it.

~Dick Dale

Music is an attitude. It's a sensation to the average person, to the human being. And keep it simple, stupid. That's always been my theory.

~Dick Dale

I'll never die. I'll just explode, right there before your eyes, onstage.

~Dick Dale

I'm constantly being influenced by the soul that's directly in front of me.

~Dick Dale

I always felt people should live with animals.

~Dick Dale

Jimi was a good guy 'til he got into drugs. That's the way it is. I just tell it like it is.

~Dick Dale

When I start playing I'm just a rollercoaster of sound. I don't know what's coming next, I never do, and I sit and sign and talk to the people afterwards.

~Dick Dale

I wanted to put a sheet in explaining what all the songs are about, but they didn't do it.

~Dick Dale

People just loved the sound because I kept it simple.

~Dick Dale

I became stereotyped.

~Dick Dale

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