

Don Van Vliet

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I'd never just want to do what everybody else did. I'd be contributing to the sameness of everything.

~Don Van Vliet

Bob Dylan impresses me about as much as... well, I was gonna say a slug but I like slugs.

~Don Van Vliet

Johnny Rotten. He's a big fan of mine. I used to see him out in the audience in England and he'd stand up and holler. He's funny. Smart too, and a nice guy. Don't think he's a jerk because he isn't.

~Don Van Vliet

When I see a dolphin, I know it's just as smart as I am.

~Don Van Vliet

You can tell by the kindness of a dog how a human should be.

~Don Van Vliet

There are only forty people in the world and five of them are hamburgers.

~Don Van Vliet

A carrot is as close as a rabbit gets to a diamond.

~Don Van Vliet

It's not worth getting into the bullshit to see what the bull ate.

~Don Van Vliet

I don't want to sell my music. I'd like to give it away because where I got it, you didn't have to pay for it.

~Don Van Vliet

I like the blues..... but I like aqua marine just as much.

~Don Van Vliet

Art is rearranging and grouping mistakes.

~Don Van Vliet

I don't like getting out when I could be painting. And when I'm painting, I don't want anybody else around.

~Don Van Vliet

The largest living land mammal is the absent mind.

~Don Van Vliet

James Brown is important because he decorates the clock correctly and he's good with lower mathematics. Don't get me wrong - he's good.

~Don Van Vliet

If you want to be a different fish, jump out of school.

~Don Van Vliet

The wind is a very difficult sound to get. It's always changing.

~Don Van Vliet

I would never kill a living thing, although I probably have inadvertently while driving automobiles.

~Don Van Vliet

You can almost judge how screwed up somebody is by the kind of toilet paper they use. Go in any rich house and it's some weird coloured embossed stuff.

~Don Van Vliet

I don't look like a desert person because I stay indoors most of the day and fool around at night. That's what the desert animals do - they don't

have a tan either.

~Don Van Vliet

The stars are matter, We're matter, But it doesn't matter.

~Don Van Vliet

I don't even know what sound is, much less what it's for. It isn't to make money that's for sure. I've never made any.

~Don Van Vliet

It makes me itch to think of myself as Captain Beefheart. I don't even have a boat.

~Don Van Vliet

Be kind, man - don't be mankind.

~Don Van Vliet

I think that men has the most highly developed intelligence. I think men get so intelligent that they're stupid.

~Don Van Vliet

I needed to purge myself of all the attention my parents had given me - I wasn't neglected enough as a child.

~Don Van Vliet

We see the moon, don't we? So it's our eye. Animals see us, don't they? So we're their animals.

~Don Van Vliet

If you got ears, you gotta listen.

~Don Van Vliet

Beatle bones and smokin' stones the dry sands fall.

~Don Van Vliet

An audience can really lift you right up off the stage.

~Don Van Vliet

I think most people try to get others to see through their eyes.

~Don Van Vliet

Earth ... God's golf ball.

~Don Van Vliet

Man has done a lot to make himself dangerous and animals get the worst of all of it. But then, man too is an animal.

~Don Van Vliet

I live in a Mobile Home - I've never had a house, except once; I rented a log cabin.

~Don Van Vliet

I think Shakespeare is really the one. Words as music and music as words. Everything he wrote was good, which is really frightening.

~Don Van Vliet

But I have been in some very beautiful churches, then I've looked outside and seen people starving to death.

~Don Van Vliet

With my voice and my band, I can do anything.

~Don Van Vliet

That Sid Vicious was obviously a schizophrenic, kind of a mean one too.

~Don Van Vliet

We're all colored, or you wouldn't be able to see anyone.

~Don Van Vliet

I don't think artists are made, I think they're born.

~Don Van Vliet

The earth is God's golf ball.

~Don Van Vliet

I would say that it's an awfully overrated aspirin and very similar to the old people's Disneyland.

~Don Van Vliet

I'm interested in playing, not working.

~Don Van Vliet

Most of modern rock and roll is a product of guilt.

~Don Van Vliet

If you want to be a different fish, you've got to jump out of the school.

~Don Van Vliet

I don't do lullabies.

~Don Van Vliet

I have no neighbours other than animals and Joshua Trees.

~Don Van Vliet

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