

Eddie Van Halen

Quotes

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To hell with the rules. If it sounds right, then it is.

~Eddie Van Halen

Rock stars come and go. Musicians play until they die.

~Eddie Van Halen

If I can help a kid discover a liking, or even a passion for music in their life, then that's a wonderful thing.

~Eddie Van Halen

My son, Wolfgang, plays drums, guitars and bass.

~Eddie Van Halen

It's always about the music, never about anything else.

~Eddie Van Halen

Music kept me off the streets and out of trouble and gave me something that was mine that no one could take away from me.

~Eddie Van Halen

You know, most people, they want to go to Hollywood. They want to be a star. They want to be a rock star. That thought never entered any of our minds, the Van Halen family.

~Eddie Van Halen

Imagine if Beethoven had a tape recorder. Then you'd know exactly what he meant. Maybe he meant 'Da da da da' instead of 'Boom boom boom boom!' Who knows?

~Eddie Van Halen

When Van Halen started out, there was no path to fame. We just played what we liked. Even today it always comes down to the simplicity of rock and roll.

~Eddie Van Halen

Sometimes I just want to lick David Lee Roth in the nuts

~Eddie Van Halen

You only have 12 notes. Do what you want with them.

~Eddie Van Halen

A guitar is a very personal extension of the person playing it. You have to be emotionally and spiritually connected to your instrument. I'm very brutal on my instruments, but not all the time.

~Eddie Van Halen

Rock & Roll is feeling, and after you know most of the basics ... chords, rhythm, scales and bends ... getting that feeling is just about the most important aspect of playing guitar

~Eddie Van Halen

It makes me feel kind of weird, but obviously the Man Upstairs gave me something and it touches people, and I'm just so blessed.

~Eddie Van Halen

There are really three parts to the creative process. First there is inspiration, then there is the execution, and finally there is the release.

~Eddie Van Halen

Every song is like a kid. How can you have that many kids and have a favorite? Which one do I like to hang most with?

~Eddie Van Halen

The piano is a universal instrument. If you start there, learn your theory and how to read, you can go on to any other instrument.

~Eddie Van Halen

I have selective hearing.

~Eddie Van Halen

The name Van Halen, the family legacy, is going to go on long after I'm gone.

~Eddie Van Halen

I'm just a guitarist in a kick-ass rock and roll band. What more could I ask for?

~Eddie Van Halen

It's always a Catch-22 situation. They hate you if you're the same, and they hate you if you're different.

~Eddie Van Halen

Bass is for people who can't play guitar

~Eddie Van Halen

We're musicians. We make music for a living. It's that simple. Nothing else matters.

~Eddie Van Halen

Everything comes to me while I'm sitting on the pot.

~Eddie Van Halen

A guitar is just theoretically built wrong. Each string is an interval of fourths, and then the B string is off. Theoretically, that's not right, all the strings should be off.

~Eddie Van Halen

There's a plaque on our wall that says we've sold over 65 million albums, and I don't feel I've accomplished anything. I feel like I'm just getting started.

~Eddie Van Halen

Music is for people. The word 'pop' is simply short for popular. It means that people like it. I'm just a normal jerk who happens to make music.

As long as my brain and fingers work, I'm cool.

~Eddie Van Halen

Eventually you'll take the phrases and rhythm patterns you've copped and begin to put your own mark on them

~Eddie Van Halen

Some people think a song without words isn't a real song. Tell that to Beethoven and he'll kick your ass!

~Eddie Van Halen

Practice. I used to sit on the edge of my bed with a six-pack of Tuborg. My brother would go out to party and get laid, come home at 3am., and I would still be playing with myself.

~Eddie Van Halen

Best believe that needle hurt you
Best to see these true colors
Than follow one of your false virtues
A little secret to make you think: Why is the crazy stuff we never say, poetry in ink?

~Eddie Van Halen

I'm blessed with a good pair of ears. That's how I fooled my piano teacher. I'd watch his fingers and I'd listen to it, and I just kind of basically learned it by myself.

~Eddie Van Halen

I was trying to take the band in a direction that I thought was appropriate, and Roth was trying to take the band in more of a Las Vegas direction. And there he is.

~Eddie Van Halen

Cancer is like a cockroach. It just comes back stronger. I'm tearing apart the immune system of the cockroach and seeing how it ticks. I've opened up my own pathology center.

~Eddie Van Halen

The stainless-steel frets were a major breakthrough, because of the amount of playing and bending that I do. I have to get my guitars refretted every couple of months.

~Eddie Van Halen

I applied to Uncyclopedia Bassists, and was accepted!!

~Eddie Van Halen

Major third complications can be overcome by lots of alcohol.

~Eddie Van Halen

On 'Honeybabysweetiedoll' I used a Whammy, a Boss OC-3 octave box, a Sustainer and a Line 6 DL4 Delay Modeler. That's only on the intro, where all those weird noises are happening.

~Eddie Van Halen

I don't really know what inspires me to write the music I do, but usually, the music will set the tone for the lyrics.

~Eddie Van Halen

I'm just a normal schmo like anyone else.

~Eddie Van Halen

I've had a hip replacement, I've beaten cancer, I had my hand operation, and I stopped drinking. Something inside of me just went, 'I'm done.'

~Eddie Van Halen

I never took guitar lessons. I took classical piano lessons from the age of six when we lived in Holland.

~Eddie Van Halen

I boil the strings so they stretch.

~Eddie Van Halen

I'm not a drunk anymore, but since they cut out my tongue, I sound drunk.

~Eddie Van Halen

I'm the one in the band that said I'm not going on tour unless we do a record.

~Eddie Van Halen

I just consider myself slightly left-of-center. I'm not your average bear. I - what's the word? I'm not - normal.

~Eddie Van Halen

I think Clapton is brilliant. He's the only one who moved me. The only one who made me want to play the guitar.

~Eddie Van Halen

I was so used to doing old blues licks with the first three fingers. When I started using my pinky and finding more spread things, that's when I started getting my own style.

~Eddie Van Halen

I grew up on a lot of early Beatles, DC5, Cream, Clapton, Page, Beck and Hendrix.

~Eddie Van Halen

You've only got 12 notes and however you mix them up is your thing.

~Eddie Van Halen

I'll be making music 'til the day I die. I've done all kinds of stuff, and more is coming.

~Eddie Van Halen

I'll always leave the same set of strings on my guitars when I'm recording. If I break one I'll just replace it instead of putting on a whole new set of strings.

~Eddie Van Halen

When I was growing up and listening to bands like the Dave Clark Five, the groove was what initially got me going. I really like that funky, heavy groove.

~Eddie Van Halen

Nirvana was huge, but it didn't appeal to everyone.

~Eddie Van Halen

Holdsworth is so damned good that I can't cop anything. I can't understand what he's doing. I've got to do this [does two-hand tapping], whereas he'll do it with one hand.

~Eddie Van Halen

I took classical piano lessons from the age of five.

~Eddie Van Halen

A good producer brings out the best in the artist he's working with. You shouldn't be able to listen to something and say, 'So-and-so produced this album.'

~Eddie Van Halen

I'm writing, and just doing the same thing I always do.

~Eddie Van Halen

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