

# Fred Astaire

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The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any.

~Fred Astaire

Do it big, do it right, and do it with style.

~Fred Astaire

Some people seem to think that good dancers are born, but all the good dancers I have known are taught or trained.

~Fred Astaire

The higher up you go, the more mistakes you are allowed. Right at the top, if you make enough of them, it's considered to be your style.

~Fred Astaire

Dancing is a vertical interpretation of a horizontal intention.

~Fred Astaire

I have no desire to prove anything by dancing ... I just dance.

~Fred Astaire

If it doesn't look easy it is that we have not tried hard enough yet.

~Fred Astaire

And that love that wrinkles your nose touches my foolish heart.

~Fred Astaire

When you're experimenting you have to try so many things before you choose what you want, and you may go days getting nothing but exhaustion.

~Fred Astaire

I have no desire to prove anything by my work. I have never used it as an outlet or as a means of expressing myself. I just dance.

~Fred Astaire

I just put my feet in the ground and move them around.

~Fred Astaire

I don't make love by kissing, I make love by dancing.

~Fred Astaire

Disco is just jitterbug.

~Fred Astaire

If we followed our own advice, we'd be successful.

~Fred Astaire

Can't act. Can't sing. Slightly bald. Can dance a little.

~Fred Astaire

Why didn't you tell me I was in love with you?

~Fred Astaire

If your gonna go down, go down swinging!

~Fred Astaire

Be yourself-but don't be conspicuous.

~Fred Astaire

It takes time to get a dance right, to create something memorable.

~Fred Astaire

There comes a day when people begin to say, 'Why doesn't that old duffer retire?' I want to get out while they're still saying Astaire is a hell of a dancer.

~Fred Astaire

It's nice that all the composers have said that nobody interprets a lyric like Fred Astaire. But when it comes to selling records I was never worth anything particularly except as a collector's item.

~Fred Astaire

I often take a brand-new suit or hat and throw it up against the wall a few times to get that stiff, square newness out of it.

~Fred Astaire

If the dance is right, there shouldn't be a single superfluous movement.

~Fred Astaire

Dancing is a sweat job.

~Fred Astaire

Chance is the fool's name for Fate

~Fred Astaire

Oh, God! That boy moves in a very exceptional way. That's the greatest dancer of the century.

~Fred Astaire

This search for what you want is like tracking something that doesn't want to be tracked. It takes time to get a dance right, to create something memorable.

~Fred Astaire

Of course, Ginger was able to accomplish sex through dance. We told more through our movements instead of the big clinch. We did it all in the dance.

~Fred Astaire

Either the camera will dance, or I will.

~Fred Astaire

I am bit sending messages with my feet. All I ever wanted was not to come up empty. I did it for the dough and the old applause.

~Fred Astaire

I inherited the knowledge that sometimes (talents) not only skip a generation, but sometimes run screaming from it. Ironically, it was the singing non-ability that helped feed my love of laughter.

~Fred Astaire

I don't remember anybody ever pointing me out as a dancing prodigy, but I played a not bad second base.

~Fred Astaire

I don't want to be the oldest performer in captivity... I don't want to look like a little old man dancing out there.

~Fred Astaire

Slippery stages were the terror of my life.

~Fred Astaire

People think I was born in top hat and tails.

~Fred Astaire

I don't like top hats, white ties, and tails.

~Fred Astaire

I'm just a hooper with a spare set of tails.

~Fred Astaire

We attend to his later performances as a dramatic actor with respect, but watching the nondancing, nonsinging Astaire is like watching a grounded skylark.

~Fred Astaire

In dealing with a girl or a horse, one lets nature take its course

~Fred Astaire

I had some ballet training but didn't like it. It was like a game to me.

~Fred Astaire

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