

# Garrison Keillor Quotes

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Welcome to Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.

~Garrison Keillor

Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car.

~Garrison Keillor

It was luxuries like air conditioning that brought down the Roman Empire. With air conditioning their windows were shut, they couldn't hear the barbarians coming.

~Garrison Keillor

Even in a time of elephantine vanity and greed, one never has to look far to see the campfires of gentle people.

~Garrison Keillor

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.

~Garrison Keillor

Thank you, God, for this good life and forgive us if we do not love it enough.

~Garrison Keillor

The highlight of my childhood was making my brother laugh so hard that food came out of his nose.

~Garrison Keillor

Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.

~Garrison Keillor

Sometimes there is nothing you can do, and in those times, you must do something anyway.

~Garrison Keillor

Beauty isn't worth thinking about; what's important is your mind. You don't want a fifty-dollar haircut on a fifty-cent head. ~Garrison Keillor

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When the country goes temporarily to the dogs, cats must learn to be circumspect, walk on fences, sleep in trees, and have faith that all this woofing is not the last word.

~Garrison Keillor

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted.

~Garrison Keillor

You'd learn more about the world by lying on the couch and drinking gin out of a bottle than by watching the news.

~Garrison Keillor

There is almost no marital problem that can't be helped enormously by taking off your clothes.

~Garrison Keillor

Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known.

~Garrison Keillor

They say such nice things about people at their funerals that it makes me sad that I'm going to miss mine by just a few days.

~Garrison Keillor

Intelligence is like four-wheel drive. It only allows you to get stuck in more remote places.

~Garrison Keillor

We come from people who brought us up to believe that life is a struggle, and if you should feel really happy, be patient: this will pass.

~Garrison Keillor

When you wage war on the public schools, you're attacking the mortar that holds the community together. You're not a conservative, you're a vandal.

~Garrison Keillor

A book is a gift you can open again and again.

~Garrison Keillor

God writes a lot of comedy... the trouble is, he's stuck with so many bad actors who don't know how to play funny.

~Garrison Keillor

Your life is a work of art, and in the end, the underlying theme of great art is bravery and hope and love.

~Garrison Keillor

Some people think it is difficult to be a Christian and to laugh, but I think it's the other way around. God writes a lot of comedy, its just that he has so many bad actors.

~Garrison Keillor

I think if the church put in half the time on covetousness that it does on lust, this would be a better world for all of us.

~Garrison Keillor

Powdermilk biscuits: Heavens, theyre tasty and expeditious! Theyre made from whole wheat, to give shy persons the strength to get up and do what needs to be done

~Garrison Keillor

It's a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars.

~Garrison Keillor

... life itself is brief, and that is what charges the day with such ridiculous beauty.

~Garrison Keillor

Humor is not a trick, not jokes. Humor is a presence in the world - like grace - and shines on everybody.

~Garrison Keillor

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted.

~Garrison Keillor

Years ago, manhood was an opportunity for achievement, and now it is a problem to be overcome.

~Garrison Keillor

Lake Wobegon, the little town that time forgot and the decades cannot improve.

~Garrison Keillor

One reads books in order to gain the privilege of living more than one life. People who don't read are trapped in a mine shaft, even if they think the sun is shining.

~Garrison Keillor

Vodka is tasteless going down, but it is memorable coming up.

~Garrison Keillor

You can go your whole life and not need math or physics for a minute, but the ability to tell a joke is always handy.

~Garrison Keillor

A minister has to be able to read a clock. At noon, it's time to go home and turn up the pot roast and get the peas out of the freezer.

~Garrison Keillor

A girl in a bikini is like having a loaded pistol on your coffee table - There's nothing wrong with them, but it's hard to stop thinking about it.

~Garrison Keillor

I think the most un-American thing you can say is, 'You can't say that.'

~Garrison Keillor

Life is unjust and this is what makes it so beautiful. Every day is a gift. Be brave and take hold of it.

~Garrison Keillor

Love has the power to rescue us and not let go, otherwise it isn't love

~Garrison Keillor

Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a function.

~Garrison Keillor

When writing loses touch with the beautiful surface of the world, it loses its way. You always want to be in touch with how things look and what people say and what they call their dogs.

~Garrison Keillor

If you can't trust a Methodist with absolute power to arrest people and not have to say why, then whom can you trust?

~Garrison Keillor

In Lake Wobegon, we don't forget mistakes.

~Garrison Keillor

You get old and you realize there are no answers, just stories.

~Garrison Keillor

Don't worry about the past and don't try to solve the future.

~Garrison Keillor

All solutions are temporary, so why not go for duct tape?

~Garrison Keillor

A child can educate just about anybody.

~Garrison Keillor

Being rich and thin isn't everything.

~Garrison Keillor

People do what they are told not to do. It happens time and time again. Here on the frozen tundra, it is known as the Tongue on the Frozen Pump Handle principle.

~Garrison Keillor

Children can find other children to be pals. Children need fathers to be fathers.

~Garrison Keillor

Where I come from, when a Catholic marries a Lutheran it is considered the first step on the road to Minneapolis.

~Garrison Keillor

Don't tear up the page and start over again when you write a bad line-try to write your way out of it. Make mistakes and plunge on. Writing is a means of discovery, always.

~Garrison Keillor

Sometimes you have to look reality in the eye, and deny it.

~Garrison Keillor

Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have.

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Pumpkin pie is a living symbol of mediocrity. The best pumpkin pie you ever ate wasn't all that much different from the worst pumpkin pie you ever ate.

~Garrison Keillor

When it comes to finding available men in Minnesota, the odds are good, but the goods are odd.

~Garrison Keillor

My ability to keep cool in a crisis is based entirely on not knowing all the facts.

~Garrison Keillor

A young writer is easily tempted by the allusive and ethereal and ironic and reflective, but the declarative is at the bottom of most good writing.

~Garrison Keillor

I believe in looking reality straight in the eye and denying it.

~Garrison Keillor

That's why God created marriage, so people wouldn't have to fight with strangers.

~Garrison Keillor

The mass of men lead lives of shallow happiness; the superior man exults in his gloom.

~Garrison Keillor



Don't pour the oil directly into my navel, pour it on my sternum and let it run down into my navel, you ignorant peasant.

~Garrison Keillor

Marriage, friends, is a lifelong feast; love is no light lunch.

~Garrison Keillor

Most men are prisoners at best, Who some strong habit every drag about Like chain and ball.

~Garrison Keillor

An interesting thing about New York City is that the subways run through the sewers.

~Garrison Keillor

When you're a little kid, your heart is open and tender and a harsh word can go straight in and become part of your life.

~Garrison Keillor

Marrying for sex is like flying to London for the free peanuts and pretzels. It's not the point of the thing, is it?

~Garrison Keillor

He was admired for never being at a loss for words and never wasting any either.

~Garrison Keillor

March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like.

~Garrison Keillor

Ha! Easy for nuns to talk about giving up things. That's what they do for a living.

~Garrison Keillor

I want to resume the life of a shy person.

~Garrison Keillor

English is the perfect language for preachers because it allows you to talk until you think of what to say.

~Garrison Keillor

A man can't eat anger for breakfast and sleep with it at night and not suffer damage to his soul.

~Garrison Keillor

...opening up a newspaper is the key to looking classy and smart. Never mind the bronze-plated stuff about the role of the press in a democracy - a newspaper, kiddo, is about Style.

~Garrison Keillor

A cruise ship is a floating town of lazy people.

~Garrison Keillor

God is a great humorist. He just has a slow audience to work with.

~Garrison Keillor

Liberalism is dead, so dead that Democrats have all become moderate Republicans, and the heavy hand of Big Government is now limp and damp and trembly.

~Garrison Keillor

Boys, the first drink is a boon, the second is a gamble, the third is poor judgment, and then the rate of descent gets steep

~Garrison Keillor

I hear a little firecracker go off when you come up with a good rhyme.

~Garrison Keillor

Humor, a good sense of it, is to Americans what manhood is to Spaniards and we will go to great lengths to prove it.

~Garrison Keillor

People always are encouraging about a terrible loss, so that sometimes the loser would like to strangle them.

~Garrison Keillor

The funniest line in English is 'Get it?' When you say that, everyone chortles.

~Garrison Keillor

Being Lutheran, Mother believed that self-pity is a deadly sin and so is nostalgia, and she had no time for either

~Garrison Keillor

If the marriage needs help, the answer almost always is have more fun. Drop your list of grievances and go ride a roller coaster.

~Garrison Keillor

You've got work to do. Don't put this off. And don't take the long view, here. You know? Life is today and tomorrow and - and if you're lucky, next week.

~Garrison Keillor

There's no mastery to be had. You love the attempt. You don't master a story any more than you master a river. You feel lucky to canoe down it.

~Garrison Keillor

As for kissing on the first date, you should never date someone whom you would not wish to kiss immediately.

~Garrison Keillor

TV news is as bloody as Shakespeare but without the intelligence and the poetry. If you watch television news you know less about the world than if you drank gin out of a bottle

~Garrison Keillor

A compassionate conservative is someone who electrocutes juveniles but lets them have a last 'make a wish'.

~Garrison Keillor

Life is continuous. Life never stops. We come to the really great questions and before we can answer them, life has moved on to something else.

~Garrison Keillor

It's a beautiful descent in a 737, into the Bitterroot Valley, following the Clark Fork River, on a perfect golden autumn day .

~Garrison Keillor

Never insult a writer. You may find yourself immortalized in ways you may not appreciate.

~Garrison Keillor

No matter what time of year I come here, people always say the same thing: Its not usually like this.

~Garrison Keillor

We'd all be alot happier if we'd stop assuming we're supposed to be happy.

~Garrison Keillor

The French have a new president, the British will soon have a new P.M., and we envy them as we endure the endless wait for this small dim man to go back to Texas and resume his life.

~Garrison Keillor

I have taken so many wrong turns and been so careless with precious things and managed to lose, or break, or leave out in the rain so much that I loved.

~Garrison Keillor

It's important for survival that children have their own experiences, the kind they learn from. The kind their parents arrange for are not as useful. Good parents are the hardest to get rid of.

~Garrison Keillor

I'm not busy... a woman with three children under the age of 10 wouldn't think my schedule looked so busy.

~Garrison Keillor

A good newspaper is never nearly good enough but a lousy newspaper is a joy forever.

~Garrison Keillor

I was afraid you had deceased,' he said. 'Or gotten engrossed in a long book.

~Garrison Keillor

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