

# George Benson Quotes

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I have been doing music all my life so everyday when I get up I expect music will be part of it.

~George Benson

The melody is the most important thing that must stay in the minds of the people who listen to you. No matter how many notes you play, you can't let them forget what the song is.

~George Benson

As my career has progressed, I've had the pleasure of playing with the baddest jazz cats on the planet. But that doesn't change my desire to entertain folks. That's really who I am.

~George Benson

I spent a lot of time teaching myself theory and harmony so I could be free to express myself on the instrument.

~George Benson

Never give up on a good thing, never give up, never give up!

~George Benson

The greatest teacher is just going out and playing.

~George Benson

Love songs are one of the great essences of life, the only thing that's lasting.

~George Benson

The less one remembers about the day before, the more the new day will be unfettered by triviality.

~George Benson

The greatest guitar player in the world today for me is Paco de Lucia, who is actually Spanish.

~George Benson

Lenny Breau dazzled me with his extraordinary guitar playing... I wish the world had the opportunity to experience his artistry.

~George Benson

The first time I tried to sing along with my guitar, everybody in the studio booed. They all said it wouldn't work.

~George Benson

My whole career from the early 70s on has been mind-blowing. I didn't imagine in my life that I would ever be considered a guitar player first of all because I started off as a singer.

~George Benson

No matter what they take from me, they can't take away my dignity.

~George Benson

Guitar gigs were everywhere in the '50s, and I started diddling around so I could keep working. Playing honky-tonk, simple stuff. I took a few gigs with an organ band that put me out front.

~George Benson

There is no finer guitarist than Kenny Burrell

~George Benson

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~George Benson

I like Simon Cowell - look at how many great artists have come out of the U.K. because of him.

~George Benson

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