

James Taylor Quotes

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Baby booty, juicy fruity, truck stop cutie, road side beauty, I'm in love with you.

~James Taylor

It won't be long before another day, were gonna have a good time. And no ones gonna take that time away. You can stay as long as you like

~James Taylor

Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not.

~James Taylor

Television news is now entertainment, and the stories are being written by the people that have a special interest in them.

~James Taylor

I would advise you to keep your overhead down; avoid a major drug habit; play everyday, and take it front of other people. They need to hear it, and you need them to hear it.

~James Taylor

Shower the people you love with love.

~James Taylor

The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.

~James Taylor

In my mind I'm going to Carolina. Can't you see the sunshine, can't you just feel the moonshine? Ain't it just like a friend of mine, to hit me from behind, and I'm goin' to Carolina in my mind.

~James Taylor

I'm trying to look at my blessings and how amazingly well against all odds things have turned out for me.

~James Taylor

I find it a lot healthier for me to be someplace where I can go outside in my bare feet.

~James Taylor

I don't know much about God. But if everything does originate with God, then certainly songs do as well.

~James Taylor

Whenever I see your smiling face, I have to smile myself, because I love you, yes I do.

~James Taylor

Music reminds us that the universe loves us

~James Taylor

Never give up, never slow down, never grow old and never ever die young.

~James Taylor

I've seen fire and I've seen rain I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend But I always thought that I'd see you again.

~James Taylor

I believe musicians have a duty, a responsibility to reach out, to share your love or pain with others.

~James Taylor

I'm very unstable; there's no stability in a musician's life at all. You live on a bus or on the road hand to mouth and you don't know where your money's coming from.

~James Taylor

Try not to try too hard, It's just a lovely ride.

~James Taylor

Don't be sad cause your sun is down, the night doesn't need your sorrow. Don't be sad cause the light is gone, just keep your mind on tomorrow.

~James Taylor

I know now one thing only matters in these days... true love... love and love alone.

~James Taylor

I believe 100 percent in the power and importance of music.

~James Taylor

I started being a songwriter pretending I could do it, and it turned out I could.

~James Taylor

When I cleaned up some 17 odd years ago, I felt terrible for about six months. The only thing that gave me any real relief was strenuous physical activity.

~James Taylor

Time will take your money, but money won't buy time.

~James Taylor

To be a musician, especially a singer-songwriter - well, you don't do that if you have a thriving social life. You do it because there's an element of alienation in your life.

~James Taylor

Fortunately, it doesn't seem to have made a lot of difference to my audience that I'm as bald as a billiard ball!

~James Taylor

Music is like a huge release of tension.

~James Taylor

Turn away from your animal kind, try to leave your body, just to live in your mind.

~James Taylor

I think good music makes you feel free, and if people feel free when they come to a show or listen to my music, that would mean the world to me.

~James Taylor

It is the most delightful thing that ever happens to me, when I hear something coming out of my guitar and out of my mouth that wasn't there before.

~James Taylor

I don't take compliments very easily. I think most musicians suffer from low self-esteem to some extent.

~James Taylor

I don't read music. I don't write it. So I wander around on the guitar until something starts to present itself.

~James Taylor

If you think my music is sentimental and self-absorbed, I agree with you.

~James Taylor

I don't play the kind of music that works in a football stadium.

~James Taylor

I think people are isolated because of the nature of human consciousness, and they like it when they feel the connection between themselves and someone else.

~James Taylor

People should watch out for three things: avoid a major addiction, don't get so deeply into debt that it controls your life, and don't start a family before you're ready to settle down.

~James Taylor

We could never have guessed We were already blessed where we are.

~James Taylor

Though the body sleeps, the heart will never rest.

~James Taylor

There'll come a writing phase where you have to defend the time, unplug the phone and put in the hours to get it done.

~James Taylor

If you're an addict, it controls your life and your life becomes uncontrollable. It's boring and painful, filling your system with something that makes you stare at your shoes for six hours.

~James Taylor

I think that we're all totally isolated beings and always will be.

~James Taylor

I can take criticisms but not compliments.

~James Taylor

No one can tell me that I'm doing wrong.

~James Taylor

I was in chemical jail.

~James Taylor

I was a functional addict.

~James Taylor

Sobering up was responsible for breaking up my marriage. That's what it couldn't stand.

~James Taylor

Americans work a long way ahead of themselves because of the size of the place. To make any impact at all you have to promote yourself with live performances ages before a release.

~James Taylor

Quart of whiskey a day for months working hard on a long poem. Wife hiding bottles, myself hiding bottles. Murderous and suicidal. Many hospitalizations, many alibis.

~James Taylor

It's probably foolish to expect relationships to go on forever and to say that because something only lasts 10 years, it's a failure.

~James Taylor

There ain't no doubt in my mind that love is the finest thing around

~James Taylor

You have to choose whether to love yourself or not.

~James Taylor

Certain things in life are more important than the usual crap that everyone strives for.

~James Taylor

I feel like if you let someone else create your vision, then it's not true to your band. No one can ever do as good as you want, or as good as you can yourself.

~James Taylor

Songs are like myths. Myths are useful because they allow you to cast yourself and your life and your own experience. And for some people, 'Fire and Rain' speaks to them in that way.

~James Taylor

I have a love-hate relationship with the Grammys because I don't see the music world as a competitive sport.

~James Taylor

Somehow it helps just to take something that's internal and externalize it, to see it in front of you.

~James Taylor

My brother Alex fell in love with rhythm and blues early and gave me a strong dose of it.

~James Taylor

I'm glad that I still have the ability to tour in Europe. I do love it.

~James Taylor

If the gig's going really well, I'm incredibly happy on stage and really feel good about my life and things.

~James Taylor

Ireland, Italy and Brazil are the most musical places for me. They're extremely musical cultures and anything you pitch they basically catch.

~James Taylor

The SECRET to Love is in OPENING up your Heart

~James Taylor

All it really needed was the proper point of view. No one's gonna bring me down.

~James Taylor

Songwriting is too mysterious and uncontrolled a process for me to direct it towards any one thing.

~James Taylor

Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose Won't you let me go down in my dreams?

~James Taylor

That's the motivation of an artist - to seek attention of some kind.

~James Taylor

I sometimes wonder how many of these lifetime achievement awards you can accept before you have to do the decent thing and die.

~James Taylor

He's halfway sick and halfway stoned. He'd sure like to kick, but he's too far gone. So they wind him down with methadone.

~James Taylor

The sides are steep and the nights are long and cold down in the hole, light and love and the world above mean nothing to the mole.

~James Taylor

Maybe my biggest aim is to bring a sense of that old mystery of rock 'n' roll into the new age of today's instantaneous and fast world.

~James Taylor

Music is my living. I enjoy selling my music.

~James Taylor

Won't you look down upon me Jesus, you've got to help me make a stand. You just got to see me through another day.

~James Taylor

All invisible from where we stand the connections come to pass, and though too strong to comprehend they affect us not the less.

~James Taylor

Creativity is the process that gives life to a new product.

~James Taylor

To me, very much of what is artistic is people's very creative and inventive ways out of impossible situations.

~James Taylor

Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you gotta do is call, and I'll be there, 'cause you've got a friend.

~James Taylor

Shower the people you love with love Show them the way that you feel Things are gonna work out fine if you only will.

~James Taylor

Knowing when to quit is probably a very important thing, but I just am not ready.

~James Taylor

I don't get into heavy political numbers because I don't find them lyrical.

~James Taylor

Things started to get out of control when I began reading that I was a

superstar.

~James Taylor

Within my heart is carved a sculpture of your love.

~James Taylor

I think of myself as a highly spiritual person, but without - I was never really given a religion or a religious experience or a community to sort of subscribe to.

~James Taylor

I'm grateful to my audience, that there are people who will buy a ticket and come and see us play and who essentially support me and this life of music.

~James Taylor

The relationship, the marriage, the commitment, the partnership... This is the holy ground.

~James Taylor

It's easier to make an album, harder to figure out how to get people to notice it.

~James Taylor

It's true that I can write a song and not really be sure what the meaning of it is.

~James Taylor

I don't find the songs; they find me. I just strum my guitar and wait for a lyric to come.

~James Taylor

What I've always done as an entertainer is try to come up with things that people will find interesting, or compelling, or humorous.

~James Taylor

There's a lot more information at hand and sometimes there's information overload and we become desensitized to it, so things start to mean less.

~James Taylor

I don't think anyone really says anything new.

~James Taylor

I tend to write out the first iteration of a lyric here and then go over here and make variations on it, on the page opposite.

~James Taylor

I had a very moral upbringing, and spiritual in a sort of not very specific way.

~James Taylor

I told you that I love you, I was only telling a lie. I'll be long gone come the crack of dawn and I believe the word is goodbye.

~James Taylor

The Beatles were a phenomenon, but they were also ordinary blokes like anyone else. I was lucky enough to see that side.

~James Taylor

A song is what you fall in love with first, but then I think a band's ideals and a band's sense of fashion and a sense of how they treat people is what you fall in love with afterwards.

~James Taylor

The Test arena is a place I have been desperate to get back to, it is the pinnacle of the sport

~James Taylor

I collect hats. That's what you do when you're bald.

~James Taylor

Synchronized with the rising moon
Even with the evening star
They were true love written in stone
They were never alone, they were never
that far apart

~James Taylor

I have a studio in a barn at home - we rehearse there, we film there and we record there. It's fun to hang out with my guys and see what comes out next.

~James Taylor

If you feel like singing along, don't.

~James Taylor

It's hard to find a way forward. When you're 18 it happens in huge chunks every day, but after 20 years, growth is much more costly.

~James Taylor

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