

# Janis Joplin Quotes

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You can destroy your now by worrying about tomorrow.

~Janis Joplin

To be true to myself, to be the person that was on the inside of me, and not play games. That's what I'm trying to do mostly in the whole world, is not bullshit myself and not bullshit anybody else.

~Janis Joplin

The more you live, the less you die.

~Janis Joplin

I just want to feel as much as I can, it's what soul is all about.

~Janis Joplin

Singing, it's like it's like loving somebody, it's a supreme emotional and physical experience.

~Janis Joplin

Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.

~Janis Joplin

Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz - My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends.

~Janis Joplin

Freedom is just another word for when you have NOTHING left to lose.

~Janis Joplin

I got treated very badly in Texas. They don't treat beatniks too good in Texas. Port Arthur people thought I was a beatnik, though they'd never seen one and neither had I.

~Janis Joplin

When you hold somebody, you gotta hold them like it's the last minute

of your life.

~Janis Joplin

Like most girls I'm always really self-conscious about do I look fat, if my legs are short, if I'm weird shaped, but when I go on stage, man, it never occurs to me. I think I look beautiful.

~Janis Joplin

Don't compromise your self, you're all you got.

~Janis Joplin

You know you've got it, if it makes you feel good.

~Janis Joplin

If you've got a today, don't wear it tomorrow. Tomorrow never happens. It's all the same day.

~Janis Joplin

You are what you settle for.

~Janis Joplin

I think I think too much. That's why I drink!

~Janis Joplin

I'm one of those regular weird people.

~Janis Joplin

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz.

~Janis Joplin

Being an intellectual creates a lot of questions and no answers.

~Janis Joplin

It's not what isn't, it's what you wish was that makes unhappiness.

~Janis Joplin

As good as you've been to this world is as good as it's gonna be right back to you.

~Janis Joplin

I always wanted to be an artist, whatever that was, like other chicks want to be stewardesses. I read. I painted. I thought.

~Janis Joplin

Hippies believe the world could be a better place. Beatniks believe things aren't going to get better and say the hell with it, stay stoned and have a good time.

~Janis Joplin

I'm not really thinking much... Just sort of, trying to feel.

~Janis Joplin

Don't you know that you're nothing more than a one night stand?

~Janis Joplin

If I hold back, I'm no good. I'm no good. I'd rather be good sometimes, than holding back all the time.

~Janis Joplin

I'm just doing what I wanted to and what feels right and not settling for bullshit and it worked. How can they be mad at that?

~Janis Joplin

If someone comes along, gonna give you some love and affection, I say get it while you can.

~Janis Joplin

I'd rather have ten years of superhypermost than live to be seventy

sitting in some goddamn chair watching TV.

~Janis Joplin

The older the grapes, sweeter the wine.

~Janis Joplin

It's hard to be free but when it works, it's worth it!

~Janis Joplin

My business is to enjoy and have fun. And why not, if in the end everything will end, right?

~Janis Joplin

You are what you settle for. You are only as much as you settle for.

~Janis Joplin

On stage I make love to twenty five thousand people; and then I go home alone.

~Janis Joplin

Wait a minute, maybe I can do anything.

~Janis Joplin

People, whether they know it or not, like their blues singers miserable. They like their blues singers to die afterwards.

~Janis Joplin

Don't go looking for Mr. Right. Look for Mr. Right Now.

~Janis Joplin

I would trade all my tomorrow's for one single yesterday.

~Janis Joplin

Audiences like their blues singers to be miserable.

~Janis Joplin

Why should I hold back now and sound mediocre, just so I can sound mediocre twenty years from now?

~Janis Joplin

I can't talk about my singing; I'm inside it. How can you describe something you're inside of?

~Janis Joplin

You can feel all things at once, so why not wear all things at once?

~Janis Joplin

You know why we're stuck with the myth that only black people have soul? Because white people don't let themselves feel things.

~Janis Joplin

I'm tired of all these hippie jack-offs

~Janis Joplin

Honey, if you've had your eye on a piece of talent and that chick down the road has been getting all the action, then you know what you gotta do... Try A Little Bit Harder.

~Janis Joplin

Guess what, I might be the first hippie pinup girl.

~Janis Joplin

Distance cannot kill this relationship. Time cannot breakdown anything we have. This is a relationship that I am ready to sacrifice and stand up for.

~Janis Joplin

I won't quit to become someone's old lady.

~Janis Joplin

I'd rather not sing than sing quiet.

~Janis Joplin

All any girl really wants is just love and a man. But what man can put up with a rock-n-roll star?

~Janis Joplin

Gimme a pigfoot and a bottle of beer.

~Janis Joplin

In my insides, it really hurts if someone doesn't like me. It's silly.

~Janis Joplin

You got to get it while you can.

~Janis Joplin

Maybe my audiences can enjoy my music more if they think I'm destroying myself.

~Janis Joplin

I started singing rhythmically, and now I'm learning from Otis Redding to push a song instead of just sliding over it

~Janis Joplin

What we've had to do is learn to control success, put it in perspective, and not lose the essence of what we're doing - the music.

~Janis Joplin

You better not compromise yourself, it's all you've got.

~Janis Joplin

I had a lot of hurts and confusions. You know, it's hard when you're a

kid to be different. You're all full of things, and you don't know that it's about.

~Janis Joplin

My father wouldn't get us a TV, he wouldn't allow a TV in the house.

~Janis Joplin

At my concerts most of the chicks are looking for liberation, they think I'm gonna show 'em how to do it.

~Janis Joplin

Texas is OK if you want to settle down and do your own thing quietly, but it's not for outrageous people, and I was always outrageous.

~Janis Joplin

You can't stay in your home town and play because the two people will get tired of seeing you.

~Janis Joplin

I talk to the audience, look into their eyes. I need them and they need me.

~Janis Joplin

I believe the only people who truly experience and test the application of equality are twins.

~Janis Joplin

At least we know we tend to be afraid. If you object to my plural noun, I'll retract it.

~Janis Joplin

I read, I painted, I didn't hate niggers.

~Janis Joplin



I want a bigger band with higher highs, a bigger ladder. And I want more bottom - I want an incredible amount of bottom. I want more noise. When I do a rock tune I want it to be so HUGE.

~Janis Joplin

I love being a star more than life itself.

~Janis Joplin

When everything is together - the band, me, the audience, it's boss! It's just like magic.

~Janis Joplin

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