

Jay-Z

Quotes

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Don't tell me what was said about me. Tell me why they were so comfortable to say it to you.

~Jay-Z

Remind yourself. Nobody built like you, you design yourself.

~Jay-Z

Everybody look at you strange, say you changed Like you work that hard to stay the same.

~Jay-Z

You not feeling me, fine. It costs you nothing, pay me no mind.

~Jay-Z

A wise man told me don't argue with fools. Cause people from a distance can't tell who is who.

~Jay-Z

Don't ever go with the flow. Be the flow.

~Jay-Z

I seen the worst of the worst. I deserve every blessing I receive I'm from the dirt.

~Jay-Z

You can pay for school, but you can't buy class

~Jay-Z

Everybody can tell you how to do it but they never done it

~Jay-Z

Identity is a prison you can never escape, but the way to redeem your past is not to run from it, but to try to understand it, and use it as a foundation to grow.

~Jay-Z

Ain't nothin' wrong with the aim, just gotta change the target.

~Jay-Z

I look in the mirror, my only opponent

~Jay-Z

I'm hungry for knowledge. The whole thing is to learn every day, to get brighter and brighter.

~Jay-Z

Males shouldnt be jealous. Thats a female trait.

~Jay-Z

The genius thing that we did was, we didn't give up.

~Jay-Z

Be true to yourself- and keep things simple. People complicate things

~Jay-Z

Niggas pray and pray on my downfall, But every time I hit the ground I bounce up like round ball

~Jay-Z

Only God can judge me so I'm gone, either love me or leave me alone.

~Jay-Z

Life is a gift, love opens it up.

~Jay-Z

Leave a mark they can't erase, neither space nor time.

~Jay-Z

Remind your self. Nobody constructed like you, you style your self.

~Jay-Z

You learn more in failure than you ever do in success

~Jay-Z

Without the work, the magic won't come.

~Jay-Z

Nine to five is how ya survive, I ain't trying to survive I'm trying to live it to the limit and love it alive

~Jay-Z

I got mouths to feed til they put flowers on me.

~Jay-Z

Only he without sin can tell me if my means justify my ends.

~Jay-Z

You can't turn a bad girl good, but once a good girls' gone bad, she's gone forever.

~Jay-Z

I'd rather die enormous than live dormant.

~Jay-Z

May the best of your today's be the worst of your tomorrow's

~Jay-Z

You can want success all you want, but to get it, you can't falter. You can't slip. You can't sleep. One eye open, for real, and forever.

~Jay-Z

Be fluid. Treat each project differently. Be water, man. The best style is

no style. Because styles can be figured out. And when you have no style they can't figure you out.

~Jay-Z

They say a midget standing on a giant's shoulders can see much further than the giant. So I got the whole rap world on my shoulders, they trying to see further than I am.

~Jay-Z

I will not lose, for even in defeat/There's a valuable lesson learned, so it evens up for me

~Jay-Z

No one's walking around here perfect. Everyone's gonna make mistakes. That's part of how you learn.

~Jay-Z

If skills sold truth be told I'd probably be lyrically Talib Kweli Truthfully I want to rhyme like Common Sense (But I did five Mil) I ain't been rhyming like Common since.

~Jay-Z

Life is for living, not living uptight, see ya somewhere up in the sky.

~Jay-Z

In trouble waters I had to learn how to float

~Jay-Z

Put me anywhere on God's green earth, I'll triple my worth. Motherf--. I, will, not, lose.

~Jay-Z

Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther King could walk. Martin Luther King walked so Obama could run. Obama's running so we all can fly.

~Jay-Z

Their gunnin' for me, want to see me fall, you know my story, been through it all, times I felt like dyin', but I ain't cryin', what didn't kill me, makes me strong as iron.

~Jay-Z

Men lie, women lie, numbers dont

~Jay-Z

We change people through conversation, not through censorship.

~Jay-Z

I'm not afraid of dying I'm afraid of not trying

~Jay-Z

Don't make decisions based on the fear.

~Jay-Z

I keep my enemies close/ I give 'em enough rope/ They put themselves in the air/ I just kick away the chair.

~Jay-Z

Everything evens up, you just wait, Even a garbage can gets a steak, You ain't even a garbage can, you have faith!

~Jay-Z

I ain't lookin' at you dudes -I'm lookin' past you.

~Jay-Z

just when i thought i had everything, i lost it all

~Jay-Z

I'm a hustler, baby; I sell water to a well!

~Jay-Z

I never ask for nothin' I don't demand of myself. Honesty, loyalty, friends and then wealth

~Jay-Z

Difficult takes a day Impossible takes a week I do this in my sleep

~Jay-Z

Sometimes I trip on how happy we could be And so I put this on my life
Nobody or nothing will ever come between us And I promise I'll give my life

~Jay-Z

I thought I would be more inspired to have all these new feelings to talk about, but I really just want to hang out with my daughter.

~Jay-Z

Screamin' 'Carpe Diem!' until I'm a Dead Poet.

~Jay-Z

Jealousy's a weak emotion.

~Jay-Z

I'm far from being god, but I work god damn hard.

~Jay-Z

I believe you can speak things into existence.

~Jay-Z

I use a lot of double meanings. I hide 'em like Easter eggs.

~Jay-Z

Is to have had and lost/Better than not having at all?

~Jay-Z

[T]he truth is you don't need some external demon to take control of you to turn you into a raging, money-obsessed sociopath, you only need to let loose the demons you already have inside of you.

~Jay-Z

There's the gift, there's the spirit, and there's the work-all three have to come together. If one of those things is off, it can stop you from becoming who you were meant to be.

~Jay-Z

I believe excellence is being able to perform at a high level over and over.

~Jay-Z

Now success was like lust, she's good to the touch, She's good for the moment, but she's never enough

~Jay-Z

Rap has been a path between cultures in the best tradition of popular music.

~Jay-Z

Treat my first like my last and the last like my first and my thirst is the same as- when I came.

~Jay-Z

So many people that I've seen can't get clean water. It's a crime.

~Jay-Z

We'll have a baby who stutters repeatedly We'll name him history

~Jay-Z

Successful people have a bigger fear of failure than people who've never done anything because if you haven't been successful, then you don't know how it feels to lose it all.

~Jay-Z

No matter where you go, you are what you are playa.

~Jay-Z

I'm not saying I'm God. But as far as lyrics, I'm God MC.

~Jay-Z

If the beat is time, flow is what we do with that time, how we live through it. The beat is everywhere, but every life has to find its own flow.

~Jay-Z

When I come back like Jordan, wearing the 4-5. It ain't to play games with you, it's to aim at you, probably maim you. If I owe you I'm blowin' you to smithereens.

~Jay-Z

Your future is ahead of you. Imagine the notion of the past fifteen years of your life being a blip in your story.

~Jay-Z

I'm not concerned with noise because I'm playing the long game.

~Jay-Z

You could name practically any problem in the hood and there'd be a rap song for you.

~Jay-Z

The burden of poverty isn't just that you don't always have the things you need, it's the feeling of being embarrassed every day of your life,

and you'd do anything to lift that burden.

~Jay-Z

Hip-hop is more about attaining wealth. People respect success. They respect big. They don't even have to like your music. If you're big enough, people are drawn to you.

~Jay-Z

You know the type: loud as a motorbike but wouldn't bust a grape in a fruit fight.

~Jay-Z

I love you so, But why I love you, I'll never know.

~Jay-Z

I'm trying to tell the story in the most clear, concise, and truthful way, taking those everyday words and phrases and capturing them in a way that they become something else.

~Jay-Z

I got 99 Problems but Mitt ain't one.

~Jay-Z

I'm not a businessman, I'm a business, man!

~Jay-Z

How could I be out there and not do anything?

~Jay-Z

Stop screamin', you know the demon said it's best to die, And even if Jehovah witness, bet he'll never testify, D'Evils.

~Jay-Z

Everyone who makes music is a good collaborator at their foundation

because in order to make music, you have to connect to it in a way that other people can't.

~Jay-Z

Hip-hop gave a generation a common ground that didn't require either race to lose anything; everyone gained.

~Jay-Z

No matter where you go you are what you are player and you can try to change but that's just the top layer man you was who you was before you got here

~Jay-Z

I get my by any means on, whenever there's a drought get your umbrellas out because that's when I brainstorm.

~Jay-Z

I jack, I rob, I sin. Aw man, I'm Jackie Robinson 'Cept when I run base, I dodge the pen

~Jay-Z

The most amazing feeling I feel Words can't describe what I'm feeling for real Maybe I paint the sky blue My greatest creation was you.

~Jay-Z

The average rap life is two or three albums. You're lucky to get to your second album in rap!

~Jay-Z

My tears is tatted, my rag in my pocket / Im just looking for love, I know somebody got it

~Jay-Z

Used to rock a throwback ballin on the corner, now I rock tailored suit

lookin' like a owner.

~Jay-Z

All these ways we classify things as R&B and hip-hop and rock... It's bullshit. It's all music. If you put yourself in that box, then you won't be able to hear that it's all music at its soul.

~Jay-Z

And now we're lethal, infected with D'Evils

~Jay-Z

I spring train in the winter, around early December...

~Jay-Z

You put the right artist on the right track in the studio and leave the door open to let God in.

~Jay-Z

By the time I got to record my first album, I was 26, I didn't need pen or paper - my memory had been trained just to listen to a song, think of the words, and lay them to tape.

~Jay-Z

Got some, dirt on my shoulder, could you brush it off for me?

~Jay-Z

It was a weird mix of emotions. One day, your best friend could be killed. The day before, you could be celebrating him getting a brand-new bike.

~Jay-Z

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