

# John Bonham

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Nerves, Annoying, Abuse*

I remember in the early days when we played six nights a week for a month and I was doing my long drum solo every night. My hands were covered in blisters.

~John Bonham

Not everybody likes or understands a drum solo, so I like to bring in effects and sounds to keep their interest.

~John Bonham

There were times when I blundered and got the dreaded look from the lads. But that was a good sign. It showed I'd attempted something I'd not tried before.

~John Bonham

Drumming was the only thing I was ever good at.

~John Bonham

I dare not drink before a gig because I'll get tired and blow it. So I have to sit drinking tea in a caravan.

~John Bonham

Brushes..? Nah. Hit 'em as hard as you can.

~John Bonham

Mistreating your drum set is just one step below child abuse

~John Bonham

I'm the Best Keith Moon-type drummer in the world.

~John Bonham

My names John Bonham, I'm a drummer and I'm potty about cars.

~John Bonham

Most of it was nuts, but I was determined to be a drummer as soon as I

left school.

~John Bonham

People who don't take care of their drums really annoy me.

~John Bonham

Nowadays you can't be loud enough!

~John Bonham

Sometimes you'd come up against a brick wall... or sometimes you go into a fill and you'd know halfway through it was going to be disastrous.

~John Bonham

I don't consider that I'm particularly influenced by anyone or anything. But when I started playing, I was influenced by early soul. It was just that feel, that sound.

~John Bonham

My nerves before a gig got worse; I had terrible bad nerves all the time. Once we started... I was fine.

~John Bonham

With Zeppelin, I tried to play something different every night in my solos. I'd play for 20 minutes but the longest ever was 30 minutes. It's a long time, but when I was playing it seemed to fly by.

~John Bonham

I have no qualm about the quality of the contemporary repertory.

~John Bonham

I think the marketing needs work.

~John Bonham

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