

# Johnny Cash Quotes

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If you aren't gonna say exactly how and what you feel, you might as well not say anything at all.

~Johnny Cash

I love the freedoms we got in this country, I appreciate your freedom to burn your flag if you want to, but I really appreciate my right to bear arms so I can shoot you if you try to burn mine.

~Johnny Cash

You have to be what you are. Whatever you are, you gotta be it.

~Johnny Cash

Life is rough so you gotta be tough.

~Johnny Cash

There's a lot of things blamed on me that never happened. But then, there's a lot of things that I did that I never got caught at.

~Johnny Cash

Life and love go on, let the music play.

~Johnny Cash

I learn from my mistakes. It's a very painful way to learn, but without pain, the old saying is, there's no gain.

~Johnny Cash

it's good to know who hates you and it is good to be hated by the right people

~Johnny Cash

There is a spiritual side to me that goes real deep, but I confess right up front that I'm the biggest sinner of them all.

~Johnny Cash

Sometimes I am two people. Johnny is the nice one. Cash causes all the trouble. They fight.

~Johnny Cash

All your life, you will be faced with a choice. You can choose love or hateâ€¦I choose love.

~Johnny Cash

Life is the question and life is the answer, and God is the reason and love is the way.

~Johnny Cash

Burn my Flag and I will shoot you.....but I'll shoot you with a lot of love, like a good American

~Johnny Cash

I found out that there weren't too many limitations, if I did it my way.

~Johnny Cash

A rose looks grey at midnight, but the flame is just asleep. And steel is strong because it knows the hammer and white heat.

~Johnny Cash

We're all in this together if we're in it at all.

~Johnny Cash

We'll all be equal under the grass, and God's got a heaven for country trash.

~Johnny Cash

My father was a man of love. He always loved me to death. He worked hard in the fields, but my father never hit me. Never. I don't ever remember a really cross, unkind word from my father.

~Johnny Cash

The ones that you're calling wild are going to be the leaders in a little while.

~Johnny Cash

Success is having to worry about every damn thing in the world, except money.

~Johnny Cash

How well I have learned that there is no fence to sit on between heaven and hell. There is a deep, wide gulf, a chasm, and in that chasm is no place for any man.

~Johnny Cash

As sure as God made black and white, what's done in the dark will be brought to the light.

~Johnny Cash

When God forgave me, I figured I'd better do it too.

~Johnny Cash

You miss a lot of opportunities by making mistakes, but that's part of it: knowing that you're not shut out forever, and that there's a goal you still can reach.

~Johnny Cash

I like to sit on the front porch of an old cabin I built in the woods and just listen to the birds; I like to fish in the pond and I always throw the fish back.

~Johnny Cash

I have tried drugs and a little of everything else, and there is nothing in the world more soul-satisfying than having the kingdom of God building inside you and growing.

~Johnny Cash

Until things are brighter.. I'm the man in black.

~Johnny Cash

Jesus will not fail me, I shall not be moved.

~Johnny Cash

The gospel of Christ must always be an open door with a welcome sign for all.

~Johnny Cash

Six foot six he stood on the ground  
He weighed two hundred and thirty-five pounds  
But I saw that giant of a man brought down  
To his knees by love

~Johnny Cash

The beast in me Is caged by frail and fragile bars.

~Johnny Cash

A person knows when it just seems to feel right to them. Listen to your heart.

~Johnny Cash

Happiness is being at peace, being with loved ones, being comfortable...but most of all, it's having those loved ones.

~Johnny Cash

People call me wild. Not really though, I'm not. I guess I've never been normal, not what you call Establishment. I'm country.

~Johnny Cash

Those that have lived longer than us always have something to teach us, that we can take with us for the rest of our lives.

~Johnny Cash

You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone.

~Johnny Cash

Loneliness is emptiness, but happiness is you.

~Johnny Cash

When I'm gone I'll be remembered as the workin' man who put his point across with a right hand full of knuckles.

~Johnny Cash

You've got to know your limitations. I don't know what your limitations are. I found out what mine were when I was twelve. I found out that there weren't too many limitations, if I did it my way.

~Johnny Cash

Stop your ears and close your eyes and try to find the face of love.

~Johnny Cash

I don't like it, but I guess things happen that way.

~Johnny Cash

Oh, I'd love to wear a rainbow everyday, And tell the world that everything's okay, But I'll try to carry off a little darkness on my back, Till things are brighter, I'm the Man in Black.

~Johnny Cash

Everything I have and everything I do is now given completely to Jesus Christ.

~Johnny Cash

You're so heavenly minded, you're no earthly good.

~Johnny Cash

I read novels but I also read the Bible. And study it, you know? And the

more I learn, the more excited I get.

~Johnny Cash

Take one fresh and tender kiss Add one stolen night of bliss One girl,  
one boy, some grief, some joy Memories are made of this.

~Johnny Cash

The more I learn, the more excited I get.

~Johnny Cash

I'm not bitter. Why should I be bitter? I'm thrilled to death with life.

~Johnny Cash

Get rhythm when you get the blues.

~Johnny Cash

Because you're mine, I walk the line.

~Johnny Cash

My arms are too short to box with God.

~Johnny Cash

I start a lot more songs than I finish, because I realize when I get into  
them, they're no good. I don't throw them away, I just put them away,  
store them, get them out of sight.

~Johnny Cash

I don't give up because I don't give up. I don't believe in it.

~Johnny Cash

When I was a baby, my mama told me son, always be a good boy,  
don't ever play with guns. But I shot a man in Reno.

~Johnny Cash

When you sing, you pray twice.

~Johnny Cash

Life is - the way God has given it to me was just a platter - a golden platter of life laid out there for me. It's been beautiful.

~Johnny Cash

Love is a burning thing and it makes a firey ring.

~Johnny Cash

I am not a Christian artist, I am an artist who is a Christian.

~Johnny Cash

When I think about country music, I think about America.

~Johnny Cash

It takes a real man to live for God-a lot more man than to live for the devil, you know? If you really want to live right these days, you gotta be tough.

~Johnny Cash

I keep a close watch on this heart of mine I keep my eyes wide open all the time I keep the ends out for the tie that binds Because you're mine, I walk the line.

~Johnny Cash

Death and hell are never full, and neither are men's eyes.

~Johnny Cash

They're powerful, those songs. At times they've been my only way back, the only door out of the dark, bad places the black dog calls home.

~Johnny Cash



Creative people have to be fed from the divine source. I have to get fed. I had to get filled up in order to pour out.

~Johnny Cash

The battle against the dark one and the clinging to the right one is what my life is about.

~Johnny Cash

For you I know I'd even try to turn the tide.

~Johnny Cash

People ask me who is my favorite country artist. I say, you mean besides George Jones.

~Johnny Cash

I'm thankful for the sea breeze that feels so good right now, and the scent of jasmine when the sun starts going down.

~Johnny Cash

I knew Bob Dylan was searching for the truth and had been for years. And anyone who Really wants the truth ends up at Jesus

~Johnny Cash

I'm very shy really. I spend a lot of time in my room alone reading or writing or watching television.

~Johnny Cash

Beneath the stains of time the feeling disappears, you are someone else I am still right here.

~Johnny Cash

Come on boys, you must listen unto me, lay off the whiskey and let that cocaine be.

~Johnny Cash

All music comes from God.

~Johnny Cash

I just hope and pray I can die with my boots on.

~Johnny Cash

The beer and the wurst were wonderful, but I was dying to be back in the South, where the livin' was easy, where the fish were jumpin', where the cotton grew high.

~Johnny Cash

God Ain't no stained glass window, cause he never keeps his window closed.

~Johnny Cash

Inside the walls of a prison my body may be, but my Lord has set my soul free.

~Johnny Cash

I love to go to the studio and stay there 10 or 12 hours a day. I love it. What is it? I don't know. It's life.

~Johnny Cash

What I said, what are you [Rick Rubin] going to do with me that nobody else has been able to do to sell records with me?

~Johnny Cash

Every week, Dennis Day sang an old Irish folk song. And next day in the fields, I'd be singing that song if I was working in the fields.

~Johnny Cash

I'm thrilled to death with life.

~Johnny Cash

Prisoners are the greatest audience that an entertainer can perform to.

~Johnny Cash

I keep my eyes wide open all the time.

~Johnny Cash

My daddy left home when I was three and he didn't leave much to Ma and me, just this old guitar and an empty bottle of booze.

~Johnny Cash

I kept talking to my producers at Columbia about recording one of those [prison] shows. So we went into Folsom on February 11, 1968, and recorded a show live.

~Johnny Cash

I wear the black for the poor and the beaten down, Livin' in the hopeless, hungry side of town.

~Johnny Cash

Flesh and blood needs flesh and blood, and you're the one I need

~Johnny Cash

The fire and excitement may be gone now that we don't go out there and sing them anymore, but the ring of fire still burns around you and I, keeping our love hotter than a pepper sprout.

~Johnny Cash

Don't take voice lessons. Do it your way.

~Johnny Cash

I love the young people.

~Johnny Cash

Convicts are the best audience I ever played for.

~Johnny Cash

It's good to believe in yourself, but there are people out there who can make or break you.

~Johnny Cash

I knew I wanted to sing when I was a very small boy. When I was probably 4 years old. My mother played a guitar and I would sit with her and she would sing and I learned to sing along with her.

~Johnny Cash

Help me, Jesus. I know what I am.

~Johnny Cash

Some gal would giggle and I'd get red, and some guy'd laugh and I'd bust his head. I tell ya, life ain't easy for a boy named Sue.

~Johnny Cash

I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.

~Johnny Cash

Deep in the heart of the infinite darkness, a tiny blue marble is spinning through space. Born in the splendor of God's holy vision, and sliding away like a tear down his face.

~Johnny Cash

If you're going to be a Christian, you're going to change. You're going to lose some old friends, not because you want to, but because you need to.

~Johnny Cash

He was removed from jail and placed in a place for the insensitive and insane.

~Johnny Cash

I sang those old gospel songs for my mother, and she said, is that you?  
And I said, yes, ma'am. And she came over and put her arms around  
me and said, God's got his hands on you.

~Johnny Cash

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