

Levon Helm

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If it doesn't come from your heart, music just doesn't work.

~Levon Helm

Most of our stuff was trial and error. You live with a tape recorder, you turn it on, you play the song and you listen to it.

~Levon Helm

Songs don't wear out. Good songs are good now. If they were a comfort during those hard times in the past, they'll be a comfort in today's age.

~Levon Helm

If you pour some music on whatever's wrong, it'll sure help out.

~Levon Helm

The power of music just kinda kills all those ills; it cures everything and you've got more energy just from the music. And, I've never seen it fail. It's good for ya; real good for ya.

~Levon Helm

Those bad times are important. They give you a chance to practice, listen, take stock, have a life, get your feet back on the ground, and maybe you'll live to tell the story.

~Levon Helm

If you give it good concentration, good energy, good heart and good performance, the song will play you.

~Levon Helm

Music is the language of heaven.

~Levon Helm

A friend of mine took me to Memphis advised me that I should get in the musicians' union. He gave me a set of drums and said, Stay on the

job, son.

~Levon Helm

The crowd is just as important as the group. It takes everything to make it work.

~Levon Helm

Conway Twitty was always our local hero while I was growing up. He had a series of good bands. I wanted to sit in, if Conway would let me. And he did a couple of times.

~Levon Helm

Drums just always sounded like the most fun part of that good music for me.

~Levon Helm

Forever Young, by Dylan, is one of my favorite songs.

~Levon Helm

I don't fool with a lot of things that I can't have fun with. There's not much reward in that.

~Levon Helm

I'm not in it for my health. I'm a musician and I wanna live the way I do.

~Levon Helm

I was in high school, trying to get out of high school. The only thing slowing me up was grades.

~Levon Helm

Good times don't last long sometimes.

~Levon Helm

We're all dealt with the same hand here, so to speak. I feel like I've had

it a lot better than most people. I've had the opportunity to travel and play music all my life.

~Levon Helm

I don't hear record companies coming up with any good ideas or suggestions. Historically, if it ain't their idea, it ain't no good, so you got that to contend with.

~Levon Helm

When I was younger, I used to drive up to a bunch of turkeys, roll down the window and say something. They'd all gobble back at once.

~Levon Helm

Lord, when the song wants to pick up and go a little faster towards the end, it's hard for me to resist.

~Levon Helm

Anytime I switch to another instrument, I immediately turn it into another kind of drum so that I can understand it better.

~Levon Helm

With horns and a full rhythm section, the drums always looked like the best seat in the house.

~Levon Helm

Dad and mom would have preferred that I be a doctor, a lawyer, a scientist, or a great humanitarian.

~Levon Helm

I like to get within handshaking distance of the crowd. If it happens, they know it, we know it, and that's all we came here for.

~Levon Helm

By the time The Band did The Last Waltz, the chemistry had changed,

and it wasn't a thrill anymore to live that studio kind of life.

~Levon Helm

When the second record came out, they started calling it The Band. I voted to call it The Crackers. I'm no fool.

~Levon Helm

I played some Yamaha drums that I like a lot. And I like the Yamaha people a lot too. They've been really nice to me and The Band.

~Levon Helm

I love horns, and the bigger the band, the better it sounds to my ear.

~Levon Helm

I never subscribe to the stay-at-home policy. I'm not sick of the road or sick of eating in good restaurants around the country. I like to travel.

~Levon Helm

The Band never really played big concert tours. We never sold millions and millions of albums.

~Levon Helm

The Jungle Bush Beaters didn't last too long as a group, but we had a pretty good time while we did.

~Levon Helm

I've had all the lessons I could get. I've learned from everybody I've ever met.

~Levon Helm

If things are going slow, I'm itchy.

~Levon Helm

Maybe the greatness we heard in [Richard Manuel]'s voice, that catch

in it, came from all that pain. To this day, we don't really know.

~Levon Helm

Drums usually seem to tune themselves.

~Levon Helm

I don't think I'm a millionaire, but I'm comfortable.

~Levon Helm

The rock star stuff never came up for us. The Band was never attacked by groupies before, during or after any show that we ever played.

~Levon Helm

I like walking on the edge.

~Levon Helm

My parents wanted me to be smart and be a scholar, and the best I could do was graduate high school.

~Levon Helm

If you feel like you're getting into a rut with a song, a night off usually fixes it.

~Levon Helm

My dad and I played music. He teaches me a song or two every time I'm home.

~Levon Helm

You can either make it come around or you can't. By the time we would be ready to record a song, we would know for sure that it was the best way we could do it.

~Levon Helm

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