

# Little Richard Quotes

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Rhythm And Blues*

Gay people are the sweetest, kindest, most artistic, warmest and most thoughtful people in the world. And since the beginning of time all they've ever been is kicked.

~Little Richard

I am the innovator. I am the originator. I am the emancipator. I am the architect of rock 'n' roll!

~Little Richard

A-bop-bop-a-loom-op-a-lop-bop-boom.

~Little Richard

Greed has taken the whole universe, and nobody is worried about their soul.

~Little Richard

And I'd like to give my love to everybody, and let them know that the grass may look greener on the other side, but believe me, it's just as hard to cut.

~Little Richard

I think God made a woman to be strong and not to be trampled under the feet of men. I've always felt this way because my mother was a very strong woman, without a husband.

~Little Richard

A lot of people call me the architect of rock & roll. I don't call myself that, but I believe it's true.

~Little Richard

Elvis may be the King of Rock and Roll, but I am the Queen.

~Little Richard

I did what I felt, and I felt what I did, at all costs.

~Little Richard

God would be a very selfish god if he gave all the soul to one race. ...  
When one sings from the heart and it reaches another heart, that's  
soul.

~Little Richard

I think people who don't believe in God are crazy. How can you say  
there is no God when you hear the birds singing these beautiful songs  
you didn't make?

~Little Richard

God gives us the ability, but rock 'n' roll was created by men.

~Little Richard

It was a way out of poverty. It was a way to success. It was a way to  
education. And it was a way to a brighter day for me.

~Little Richard

I was washing dishes at the Greyhound bus station at the time and I  
said, 'Awap bop a lup bop a wop bam boom, take 'em out!'

~Little Richard

It's not the size of the ship; it's the size of the waves.

~Little Richard

I also think that what's wrong with all of us is that we don't show enough  
love toward each other.

~Little Richard

But men are so full of greed today, they'll sell anything for a little piece  
of money.

~Little Richard

I don't give the devil credit for creating nothing.

~Little Richard

They shoulda called me Little Cocaine, I was sniffing so much of the stuff! My nose got big enough to back a diesel truck in, unload it, and drive it right out again.

~Little Richard

I saw Uncle John with Long Tall Sally, he saw Aunt Mary coming and he ducked back in the alley.

~Little Richard

I invented rock & roll. Jimi Hendrix was my guitar player. James Brown was my vocalist.

~Little Richard

I was directed and commanded by another power. The power of darkness. The power that you've heard so much about. The power that a lot of people don't believe exists. The power of the Devil. Satan.

~Little Richard

I decided to come back and teach goodness in this business. To teach love, because music is the universal language. We are God's bouquet, and through music we become one.

~Little Richard

Black people lived right by the railroad tracks and the train would shake their houses at night. I would hear it as a boy and I thought: I'm gonna make a song that sounds like that.

~Little Richard

I got fame and fortune, and I lost my sense of reasoning.

~Little Richard

I never accepted the idea that I had to be guided by some pattern or blueprint.

~Little Richard

I love God, and I'm a follower.

~Little Richard

But when I went on the stage to do a show, I would put on makeup because I felt that it enhanced my act; it drew attention to what I was doing.

~Little Richard

I think that a man should be caring.

~Little Richard

But I was singing loud, and most singers weren't singing loud.

~Little Richard

I try to be a guide for people, to make their darkness bright and to make the pathway light, and never to condemn or control or criticize.

~Little Richard

I also like the banging piano - that old good-time piano.

~Little Richard

I never heard nobody in my audience call me any kind of names.

~Little Richard

I tried to look presentable for a show, but not for sexual attraction. It was strictly for show business.

~Little Richard

Elvis was God-given, there's no other explanation. A Messiah comes around every few thousand years, and Elvis was it this time.

~Little Richard

I gave up rock 'n' roll for the rock of ages! I used to be a glaring homosexual until God changed me!

~Little Richard

Rock 'n' roll offered me a platform to speak what I felt. It also offered me a platform to support my mama and my brothers and sisters - twelve children.

~Little Richard

No, I've never truly been a minister.

~Little Richard

God is omnipotent, He is omniscient, and He is ever present.

~Little Richard

Now they have banging guitar and no bass and call it rock, but that's not what I call rock.

~Little Richard

I thank God for Elvis Presley. I thank the Lord for sending Elvis to open the door so I could walk down the road.

~Little Richard

I'm very much a gentleman in what I do.

~Little Richard

I let people know that it was all right to do the kinds of things I did.

~Little Richard

I look back on my life, comin' out of Macon, Georgia - I never thought I'd be a superstar, a living legend. I never heard of no rock and roll in my life.

~Little Richard

I don't think a woman has to act like a man to show that she has strength.

~Little Richard

I would wear flamboyant clothes and long hair, and most singers at the time didn't.

~Little Richard

Like, my mother would have company over, and I would sing so they'd pay attention to me.

~Little Richard

To me, true rock 'n' roll has a lot of bottom in it.

~Little Richard

If at first you don't succeed, you get back up and you try ... and you try ... and you try it again ... except ice skating, I hate this crap, I quit!

~Little Richard

But I'm a rock 'n' roll singer; that's my livelihood, my occupation.

~Little Richard

And I think a woman should find it a joy to be female because God made both male and female.

~Little Richard

I always knew I was a man, always felt that I was a man, always wanted to be a man.

~Little Richard

I don't think that you have to be effeminate to be sensitive.

~Little Richard

It's hard to have a friend when your name's a household word.

~Little Richard

I think they saw me as something like a deliverer, a way out. My means of expression, my music, was a way in which a lot of people wished they could express themselves and couldn't.

~Little Richard

A lot of songs I sang to crowds to get their reaction. That's how I knew they'd hit.

~Little Richard

I was really kind of shy as a child. But I would do things for attention.

~Little Richard

I'm a conductor of revivals. The only minister in the whole package. Little Richard, the evangelist.

~Little Richard

We're gonna have some fun tonight.

~Little Richard

I only wore makeup when I went onstage.

~Little Richard

Plus I love Tanya Tucker and I love country music.

~Little Richard

I thank God for making me a man.

~Little Richard

I came from a family where my people didn't like rhythm and blues. Bing Crosby - "Pennies from Heaven" - Ella Fitzgerald, was all I heard.

~Little Richard

I just want the world to know that God is present, that he's alive for ever more.

~Little Richard

I am the architect of rock n' roll. I have to be a fan of all its forms.

~Little Richard

And I don't get down on nobody else for doing whatever else they do. To each his own.

~Little Richard

I've never seen the devil create music.

~Little Richard

I got a girl named Bony Maronie, she's as skinny as a stick of macaroni.

~Little Richard

That's what Tina Turner did, too - sang blues up-tempo - and they called it rock 'n' roll.

~Little Richard

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