

# Liz Phair

## Quotes

*People, Thinking, Trying, Mean, Want, Way, Song, Art, Artist, Knows, Cds,  
Needs, Son, Nice, Clothes, Feels, Challenges, Kind, Long, Girl*

I don't know; it just seemed like the cooler guys are playing Xbox. At least the ones I know.

~Liz Phair

Just to prove i was right that it's harder to be friends than lovers and you shouldn't try and mix the two, cause if you do and then you're still unhappy, then you know that the problem is you.

~Liz Phair

It's nice to be liked, but it's better by far to get paid.

~Liz Phair

Isn't this the best part of breakin' up? Finding someone else you can't get enough of. Someone who wants to be with you, too.

~Liz Phair

I don't know what the future holds. Anything is possible.

~Liz Phair

I don't know why it surprises people that I surprise them.

~Liz Phair

I am a feminist, and I define myself: Be yourself, because if you can get away with it, that is the ultimate feminist act.

~Liz Phair

I try to see interviewing as performance art, and just take it as it comes.

~Liz Phair

Young kids don't have their identity, so everything is so important. Now I'm mature. I know who I am and I know what my thing is and I know what I'm bringing. It's very clear and defined.

~Liz Phair

Well, if you've got a one-in-a-million girl don't let her get away; cause the next one-in-a-million girl is a million girls away.

~Liz Phair

Now, in music, it seems more like the popular crowd suppresses anyone who is different.

~Liz Phair

I probably had some impact, because everyone keeps telling me that I did. I like to feel like I'm coming out with something to try to make room for other young women to make their art.

~Liz Phair

Wearing a veneer of perfection never did me any good.

~Liz Phair

I just don't fit into the box.

~Liz Phair

And, you know, I still haven't been contacted by Mick Jagger, either!

~Liz Phair

I don't mind people not liking me as long as there's mutual respect.

~Liz Phair

I would argue that the uncomfortable feelings she elicits are simply the by-product of watching a woman wanting and taking like a man.

~Liz Phair

You have to do what you need to do as an artist. You have to have that courage.

~Liz Phair

I can feel it in my bones: I'm gonna spend my whole life alone.

~Liz Phair

I love stretching myself musically.

~Liz Phair

I am comfortable performing now. I love it!

~Liz Phair

I can't say I don't get nervous, but I really kind of enjoy performing now.

~Liz Phair

Like, I kind of developed my musical style in a vacuum. Even though I listen to a lot of stuff, the way I wrote was in my bedroom, really privately. It's still the way I write, actually.

~Liz Phair

Women artists need to break barriers in order for women's experience to be valuable.

~Liz Phair

I am just like you and everyone else. I am trying to live my life as best I can.

~Liz Phair

I grew up with a lot of brothers and male cousins, so I had to worm my way in to get heard. But that's sort of what excites me.

~Liz Phair

That's exactly what's exciting for me - the idea of infiltrating the male structure and affecting change from within.

~Liz Phair

What does it mean when something changes how it's always been?

~Liz Phair

I'm very cerebral. I like to think things through.

~Liz Phair

There's even more stuff that I'd like to release, but I'm scared to, that's really, um, nerdy... not nerdy in a good way. Like, silly.

~Liz Phair

Yeah, I like to be the maker of the art. And I like and want the money. But I don't really dig being famous.

~Liz Phair

I am just your ordinary, average every day sane psycho, supergoddess.

~Liz Phair

I think good art happens on that edge between comfortable and in a lot of pain, you know what I mean?

~Liz Phair

When you love what you do, you're happy just doing it.

~Liz Phair

I always give the encore over to chaos, so people can yell out requests and I can hack my way through a song that I don't really know anymore.

~Liz Phair

I prefer to be reclusive and private about my creation and then, once I'm finished, present it to people.

~Liz Phair

I just want to make music and make a living. I just have to find the means of doing that.

~Liz Phair

All parents gush about what it's like to be a parent. I love it.

~Liz Phair

Nothing feeds a hunger like a thirst

~Liz Phair

Music is sound. It's a wave. It's going out and coming back, and it's bouncing off.

~Liz Phair

When I use the Internet, it's pretty much strictly for music. Checking out other people's web sites, what's going on, listening to music. It's pretty much a musical thing for me.

~Liz Phair

I prance around and dance by myself to hip-hop songs in the mirror.

~Liz Phair

The license said you had to stick around until I was dead, but if you're tired of looking at my face I guess I already am.

~Liz Phair

When I was young, I used to need other people's albums and I got very involved with their music and it meant a lot to me.

~Liz Phair

Madonna is the speedboat, and the rest of us are just the Go-Gos on water skis.

~Liz Phair

I remember even getting kicked out of a bar once because I was too loud and obnoxious.

~Liz Phair

I'd like to do a tour with a bunch of people where it's just them and their guitars. It would be like Lilith Fair - only everyone plays alone, and it would be competitive.

~Liz Phair

I'm really happy with my life now, but there's a lot of stuff I feel very sad about in ways I can't even control.

~Liz Phair

No. You know what really bugs me about my videos? When they can't figure out what to do, they just have me change clothes five times.

~Liz Phair

When it's me in my living room, it's pretty pure, and then what gets recorded involves more people, and it keeps escalating from there.

~Liz Phair

Love is nothing, nothing, nothing like they say.

~Liz Phair

After my first record came out, I read everything. I was so amazed that I was in the press.

~Liz Phair

I'm really happy to be a mom, and I'm proud of the phase I'm in.

~Liz Phair

I don't like being approached by people who look at me too intensely, who needed something from me that I didn't have. I don't represent anything.

~Liz Phair

I don't have the same access or time to gain access to music the way I used to.

~Liz Phair

I don't always trust my own instincts. It would be nice if someone else would tell me what I should do with my life!

~Liz Phair

You been around enough to see that if you think you're it, you better check with me.

~Liz Phair

I've lost touch with a lot of that boutique-type music just because of my age, and raising my son and the multiple jobs I have at this point.

~Liz Phair

I mean, I think about it, but I don't design my record to get a certain public response.

~Liz Phair

I blend my green drink every morning. I also fix my son a full-on American breakfast with bacon and toast.

~Liz Phair

I have my head screwed on right. I haven't been this way in a long time.

~Liz Phair

The big news already broke. The file-sharing and all that stuff, it's a done deal. And I think figuring out how to make that a fair exchange for the people that make music is still an issue

~Liz Phair

I was trying to break out of the suburbs, and when I did break out, I don't think I took my whole self with me - I think I played a role of being too cool and hip.



~Liz Phair

Picture being forced to talk endlessly about your feelings and listen and care when what you needed was just to get something done.

~Liz Phair

I'm competitive, so I don't like to feel marginalized by the people who sell a lot of records.

~Liz Phair

People hang their hopes on you fitting into their CD collection in way that they have made a space for, but I'm playing a longer game than that.

~Liz Phair

It was a source of shame for my family that I was in rock and roll, which is so blue-collar. It just isn't done. And I felt it, too.

~Liz Phair

The other day I was reading a blog and I linked over to Streisand's Web site, and it was amazing politically. She's so insightful and incisive. And she also says whatever she wants.

~Liz Phair

Women's bodies are used to sell anything and everything because it works, it grabs people's attention, and advertisers aren't going to stop using something that works.

~Liz Phair

I wear clothes that most people in the Midwest would probably deem inappropriate at my age. And I rock a bikini all summer long. I know that it's not normal, but I just don't care. I live once.

~Liz Phair

I don't think you can spend too much time as an artist believing what other people think.

~Liz Phair

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