Merle Haggard Quotes

Thinking, Song, People, Men, Alcohol, Guitar, Running, Drug, Home, Two, Years, Interesting, Country, Hate, Believe, Sound, Age, Evil, Surgery, Order By the time you get close to the answers, it's nearly all over. ~Merle Haggard

Lay in the weeds and wait, and when you get your chance to say something, say something good.

~Merle Haggard

I'll tell you what the public likes more than anything, it's the most rare commodity in the world - honesty.

~Merle Haggard

Momma tried to raise me better, but her pleading I denied, and that leaves only me to blame, cause Momma tried.

~Merle Haggard

Faith is the only way we're going to make it. None of us are smart enough to do it on our own.

~Merle Haggard

I wish coke was still cola and a joint was a bad place to be.

~Merle Haggard

Running down on a way of life our fighting men have fought and died to keep. If you don't love it, leave it.

~Merle Haggard

The only thing that I miss lately in all music is somebody that will put out a melody that you can whistle. It doesn't seem like there's anything happening like that.

~Merle Haggard

Willie Nelson's the one who told me the reason it costs so much to get divorced is because it's worth it.

If I hear another line dance song I think I'm going to puke.

~Merle Haggard

A house without love ain't a home.

~Merle Haggard

Hey, hey, the working man, the working man like me. I ain't never been on welfare, that's one place I won't be.

~Merle Haggard

Stop rolling down hill like a snow ball headed for hell.

~Merle Haggard

And there's some Latino music I like, and some reggae music.

~Merle Haggard

To be part of what you're singing about is somewhat painful. You've got to climb inside it all.

~Merle Haggard

I enjoy the videos with the sound off, where you can look at the belly buttons and everything. Really some pretty girls, but I don't know about the music.

~Merle Haggard

There's just a few people that call themselves stars can actually sit down with a guitar and sing you a song.

~Merle Haggard

There's one thing I never did do, and that was stink.

~Merle Haggard

It's a long way from Graceland across Jordan to the Promised Land, but Jesus finally came to lead him home. ~Merle Haggard

In 1960, when I came out of prison as an ex-convict, I had more freedom under parolee supervision than there's available... in America right now.

~Merle Haggard

There's two kind of cherries, and two kind of fairies, and two kind of mothers I'm told.

~Merle Haggard

We are under [government's] control, and if people don't realize that, they haven't looked around. And if they're not paranoid, they haven't thought about it.

~Merle Haggard

Read about some squirrelly guy who claims that he just don't believe in fighting, and I wonder how long the rest of us can count on being free. ~Merle Haggard

The Captain just gave us our orders, and Mom we must carry them through. I'll finish this letter first chance I get, but for now I'll just say I love you.

~Merle Haggard

It's easier to force feed people than it is to give 'em what they want. It makes more money.

~Merle Haggard

It sounds like something from a Woody Guthrie song, but it's true; I was raised in a freight car.

~Merle Haggard

Heaven knows that alcohol is the worst thing in the world, but it's

debatable whether cocaine is worse than caffeine or whether it's the same thing and they just changed the name.

~Merle Haggard

Guitar playing is very important to me. It's like golf to some other people; it's important to me that I play good.

~Merle Haggard

When you get to readin' about where the music and John Steinbeck and all those people like that come from, the further you go the more interesting it becomes.

~Merle Haggard

Back when the country was strong, back before Elvis and before the Vietnam war came along.

~Merle Haggard

We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee, we don't take trips on LSD. We don't burn our draft cards down on Main Street, we like living right and free.

~Merle Haggard

Staring at the world through the bottom of a glass, all I see is a man who's fading fast.

~Merle Haggard

I can't really say why everyone loves Bob Wills' music, but I have yet to meet a person who didn't like it.

~Merle Haggard

If I had a choice, and there was a "Y" in the road, I would always take the one that was more fun as opposed to the one that might make me more money.

The guitar's not all that expensive either, when you compare it to gettin' a toothpulled or something.

~Merle Haggard

Before the Beatles and yesterday, when a man could still work and still would.

~Merle Haggard

I'm proud to be an Oakie from Muskogee, a place where even squares can have a ball. We still wave Old Glory down at the courthouse and white lightning's still the biggest thrill of all.

~Merle Haggard

I think I'm most proud of my family right now. I'm more into that then I've ever been. It also gives a new area to draw from in creativity with my songs.

~Merle Haggard

Despite of all my Sunday learnin', toward the bad I kept turning. ~Merle Haggard

I probably wouldn't even be here now if it weren't for chiropractic ~Merle Haggard

Well, I'm kinda like George Carlin. I think that there ought to be a time where everybody should have all the drugs they want and there'd be nobody in charge, sort of like... now!

~Merle Haggard

I'm just writin' about my little ol' love affair.

~Merle Haggard

Evolution is a laughing matter for anybody that's got a rational mind.

There's a rumor that there may be an attempt at organizing a possible script for a series on my life, which, when you look at my police record, you'd have to have more than one hour to tell the story.

~Merle Haggard

The one true friend I thought I'd found, tonight the bottle let me down. ~Merle Haggard

No, it's not love, but it's not bad.

~Merle Haggard

Diana Krall knocks me out. I like jazz and I like her simple approach. ~Merle Haggard

It makes my wife mad, you know, she wants me to stay home all the time. But its what I've done all my life and I think when I quit doing it I'll probably go away pretty quick.

~Merle Haggard

Everybody likes Johnny Cash. I think the sad part of it is his health is givin' him problems.

~Merle Haggard

I don't think there's ever been a friendly divorce.

~Merle Haggard

The turn I made was not the one I planned. And I watched my social standing slip away from me, while I watched the bottle slowly take command.

~Merle Haggard

There's been periods of broadcasts in the past where you could see all ages of entertainers, ranging from George Burns to Shirley Temple. That's not the condition now.

~Merle Haggard

At my age, I don't buy but a half a loaf of bread, you know? ~Merle Haggard

I was 48-years old before anybody talked me into it for medicinal purposes, instead of some of these drugs that they give you that will lead you to heart surgery and things of that nature.

~Merle Haggard

We're bar room buddies and we're the best kind, nobody messes with that friend of mine. Chug-a-lug-a-lug-a-lugga, bar room buddy of mine. ~Merle Haggard

My 10 year old son likes it. He's trying to play guitar and everything. He likes that kind of music.

~Merle Haggard

I had some surgery on my feet, which has helped my back some.

~Merle Haggard

I haven't had any problems with my back since I got the foot surgery. ~Merle Haggard

I've got one young family by the first wife, with four children.

~Merle Haggard

'Cause I was already a smoker, it was easy to get addicted. The one thing that they don't teach you about marijuana is how addictive it is. ~Merle Haggard

I've got two families.

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