

# Michael Tippett

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Shiva danced the world into existence... that's a very nice thought.

~Michael Tippett

The blues are like the fugue in 18th century. It's probably the music that belongs most to our time.

~Michael Tippett

Music remains the most strange of the materials because we don't understand what happens when music moves you.

~Michael Tippett

Music is a performance and needs the audience.

~Michael Tippett

I'm outside the music I've made. I have no interest in it.

~Michael Tippett

I remain a humanist. We are a very curious race.

~Michael Tippett

Poetry is fascinating. As soon as it begins the poetry has changed the thing into something extra, and somehow prose can go over into poetry.

~Michael Tippett

I've seldom become nostalgic or settled.

~Michael Tippett

The Greek sculptor - I don't think he was very different from any of us.

~Michael Tippett

I think we're all pretty odd.

~Michael Tippett

Music is a performing art, as any Native American will tell you. It isn't there in the score.

~Michael Tippett

Conductors don't suffer, they are part of the performance.

~Michael Tippett

Characters are an extreme form in Shakespeare's theater.

~Michael Tippett

Beethoven suppressed everything, his personal life disappeared until he was locked inside. That is a figure quite extreme.

~Michael Tippett

When we use terms we get confused, yet we have no other way.

~Michael Tippett

Public notice does not necessarily accord with internal fulfilment.

~Michael Tippett

Shakespeare fascinated me. He hardly ever left the country. His imagination was worldwide though reading.

~Michael Tippett

Nature has different times.

~Michael Tippett

The nearest figure to myself would be Shakespeare.

~Michael Tippett

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