

# Richard Thompson

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Three, Salvation, Two, Men, Believe, Rome, Home, Lasts, Wanted*

Every day I'll wear your memory like a favorite shirt upon my back

~Richard Thompson

Will there be any bartenders up there in Heaven, will the pubs never close?

~Richard Thompson

I'm glad there are a lot of guitar players pursuing technique as diligently as they possibly can, because it leaves this whole other area open to people like me.

~Richard Thompson

To stand up on a stage alone with an acoustic guitar requires bravery bordering on heroism. Bordering on insanity.

~Richard Thompson

What I wanted to hear didn't exist, so it was necessary for me to go out and create it.

~Richard Thompson

When you stand up acoustic in front of an audience, you really are a man without any clothes on. And that can be fun - it depends how much of an exhibitionist you are, I suppose. I quite enjoy it.

~Richard Thompson

I think the reason kids get into drugs and smoking is they don't have anything to do.

~Richard Thompson

I have to remind myself not to set boundaries.

~Richard Thompson

All audiences should be slightly off balance.

~Richard Thompson

The best thing you've got going for you is individuality.

~Richard Thompson

Amplifying acoustic instruments more than a little is really cheating, and everything becomes a compromise.

~Richard Thompson

I like the idea of playing in unison with yourself.

~Richard Thompson

I probably wrote three-quarters of the songs without an instrument in my hands.

~Richard Thompson

But music can save your life sometimes. It probably saved me from working in a bank or something. That's a kind of salvation right there.

~Richard Thompson

I try to make songs visual and tactile to kind of put you into the action.

~Richard Thompson

There is in fact a controversy over Darwin's theory. Clearly both theories have religious implications. But this is not about God.

~Richard Thompson

It's fun to sing sad songs. And it's fun to listen to sad songs. Enjoyable. Satisfying. Something.

~Richard Thompson

I'm always making a conscious effort to be viable and accessible.

~Richard Thompson

You want the audience to be uncomfortable.

~Richard Thompson

People want to hear about the extremes of human nature. They want things that are larger than their own lives, and more romantic, and not necessarily of their own experiences.

~Richard Thompson

The thing I do, really, is a communication with audiences more than any achievement through records.

~Richard Thompson

I try to look for the good in everybody, regardless of the way they're labeled.

~Richard Thompson

There are only three white blues singers -- Geoff Muldaur is at least two of them.

~Richard Thompson

Well, first of all it's entertainment. That stops us becoming too pretentious or thinking we're great artists.

~Richard Thompson

I'm sure every pattern has been covered, but it's nice to think you might dwell on some that other people don't.

~Richard Thompson

I just like to entertain myself by sitting down and writing songs.

~Richard Thompson

To see both sides of a quarrel, is to judge without hate or alarm

~Richard Thompson

It's amazing what some people read into songs.

~Richard Thompson

I want people to come to my music without prejudice. I want them to get the music first. And who I am isn't that important. If they like the songs to me that's a good thing.

~Richard Thompson

They came in the thousands from the whole human race to pay their respects at his last resting place.

~Richard Thompson

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