

Sammy Davis, Jr.

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The success of the Rat Pack or the Clan was due to the camaraderie, the three guys who work together and kid each other and love each other.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

You always have two choices: your commitment versus your fear.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I bought a house in the Hollywood Hills and brought my grandmother from Harlem to live in it with me.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

What have I got? No looks, no money, no education. Just talent.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

You have to be able to look back at your life and say, "Yeah, that was fun."

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

If you want to be the best, baby, you've got to work harder than anybody else.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

My mother was born in San Juan. So I'm Puerto Rican, Jewish, colored and married to a white woman. When I move into a neighborhood, people start running four ways at the same time.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I saw that my image was changing or fading. One of the reasons for taking a break from clubs was to be missed-not forgotten.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Wishing, hoping and regretting are the most common and dangerous tactics for evading the present.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

May was young and beautiful, we were legally married, but she was caught in the prison of my skin.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

If you want to get known as a singer you hire five sexy chicks and let them fight over you onstage and for the cameras. That's publicity, man.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Alcohol gives you infinite patience for stupidity.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I'd learned a lot in the Army. I knew that above all things in the world I had to become so big, so strong that people and their hatred could never touch me.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

My handicap? Man, I am a one-eyed, black Jew! That's my handicap!

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

You name it and I've done it. I'd like to say I did it my way. But that line, I'm afraid, belongs to someone else.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Real success is not on the stage, but off the stage as a human being, and how you get along with your fellow man.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

The ultimate mystery is one's own self.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

After I decided to become a Jew, only then did I learn that the Jews don't have all the money. When I found out Rockefeller and Ford were

goyim, I almost resigned.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Talk about handicap - I'm a one-eyed Negro Jew.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Savor the moments that are warm and special and giggly.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Being a star has made it possible for me to get insulted in places where the average Negro could never hope to get insulted.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

My talent was the weapon, the power, the way for me to fight. It was the one way I might hope to affect a man's thinking.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I have to be a star like another man has to breathe.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

There are lines that I know are going to get a belly laugh, but after a few shows I get sick of hearing myself say them so I drop them.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Imitations only better the original.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Ten million dollars after I'd become a star I was deeply in debt.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Though I love the luxury of the Waldorf Towers, room service there doesn't do soul food.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I hadn't been in Vegas 20 minutes when I got word that the bookmakers were offering three to one that Frank wouldn't show for my wedding.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

On a scale of one to ten, I would rate Elvis eleven.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Marilyn and I were rumored to be an item. We were friends. Nothing more. Marilyn was one of the sweetest creatures that ever lived.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Reality is never as bad as a nightmare, as the mental tortures we inflict on ourselves.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Sober up, and you see and hear everything you'd been able to avoid hearing before.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I had more clothes than I had closets, more cars than garage space, but no money.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I wasn't anything special as a father. But I loved them and they knew it.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

When Liza Minelli was a child, she used to sit on my lap and call me Uncle Sammy.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

A man is not complete until he has seen the baby he has made.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Once I get outside my house in the morning, I'm on.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

The manic pursuit of success cost me everything I could love: my wife, my three children, some friends I would have liked to grow old with.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

The one thing you don't want is that stale sound when you've done a line so much you can't find a fresh approach to it. Drop it.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

In terms of addiction, there is nothing more powerful than men's toys.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

My home has always been show business.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

When you lose a lover it's like getting a bad haircut. It grows back in time.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

There's nothing that can match Broadway for stature and dignity.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

We can't answer King's assassination with violence. That would be the worst tribute we could pay him.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I didn't hate being 60 as much as I had 50.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Fame comes with its own standard. A guy who twitches his lips is just another guy with a lip twitch - unless he's Humphrey Bogart.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

There are certain romances that belong in certain cities, in a certain atmosphere, in a certain time.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

The civil rights movement wasn't easy for anybody.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I was so opposed to the war in Vietnam that I initially refused President Nixon's urgings for me to go there.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I go to temple a lot less than I would like because when I do, people still look at me as if they think it's a publicity stunt.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Bogart could have been color blind. He got to know a man before he decided if he liked him or not.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

To appear on the stage drunk, to have them leave there and remember me making drunken mistakes, that was death.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

During three decades, along all the highways of my youth, Frank had always been there for me.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Most orgies that you go to, I have found, most of it is sad. All that wildness, all those laughs were like the shining silver and gold paper on packages, but there was nothing inside.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Everything Michael Jackson does on stage is exactly right.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Tap dancing all started with the old clog waltz.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I've done some things I wish I could erase. . . . I invented mistakes. But the mistakes must be seen in context, and they must be weighed along with the positives.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

All I really had was my talent. Without that I wouldn't be welcome at the White House.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Part of show business is magic. You don't know how it happens.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

With an ocean between you and your European friends, you have to keep them in your heart.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

The only person I ever hurt was myself and even that I did to the minimum. If you can do that and you're still functioning, you're the luckiest person in the world.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

You can be in this business 50 years and still not know anything about it.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

Being in public with May and the children was too heavy. I was irreversibly tuned in to everyone around us.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I believed in Bobby Kennedy. Campaigning for him was an attempt to give back something to this country that has given me so much.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

"The Entertainer" He did it all.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I don't have many easy songs.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

You don't swing where you sleep.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

I had traveled 10 states and played over 50 cities by the time I was 4.

~Sammy Davis, Jr.

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