

Sharon Jones

Quotes

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Singing is my life. And when I can do that, that's when I'm free. That's when I'm at my happiest, I'm at my most.

~Sharon Jones

I'm not going to sing something if it doesn't make sense to me, or if it makes me look like I'm begging someone or I'm weak, because that's not me.

~Sharon Jones

I'm singing, you know, because I'm happy and I'm free.

~Sharon Jones

Some people can sit down and write a song, but they can't go on stage like I can.

~Sharon Jones

Play with me and you play with fire.

~Sharon Jones

I'm going to keep on keeping on as long as I've got my health and strength, and God gives me that will to do it.

~Sharon Jones

God's eye is on a sparrow. And I know - oh, yes, I know he watches over me...

~Sharon Jones

Music is my happiness, my joy, and when my body wasn't right I couldn't get into my music without being healed, without being healthy.

~Sharon Jones

When I'm on tour, I don't see these spots as much as I'd like. I'm just in, I perform, then I'm out. I hope to spend years sightseeing, then more years after that.

~Sharon Jones

I miss my hair, but I feel like going out there with some fake braids wouldn't be right. I want to be the most genuine performer I can be.

~Sharon Jones

There ain't no way I'm going to be droppin' nothing. If I was in my twenties, maybe. But now I try to keep it looking decent. I don't want to expose too much of my bare ass.

~Sharon Jones

We chose it's name [Give the People What They Want] a while ago, long before the cancer. But I can't think of a more fitting title.

~Sharon Jones

I don't want to be home just taking medicine and waiting to die, you know? That's not something I'm about.

~Sharon Jones

I'll be staying in touch and keeping my fans and friends updated on my progress. I'm looking forward to getting back on the road to give the people what they want.

~Sharon Jones

Once I retire and slow down, I don't want to be in New York. I want to be somewhere near a lake or a pond, so that on my days when I have nothing to do, I can go fishing.

~Sharon Jones

My friend Megan Holken is a nutritionist. I have spent some time at her home upstate in Sharon Springs, where she told me how to eat right and cook right.

~Sharon Jones

I know for one thing that alcohol will have no more part in my life.

~Sharon Jones

Doctors removed my gallbladder and pancreas, which are supposed to break down sugar and alcohol.

~Sharon Jones

Juicing has helped me bring my pressure down. Organic natural foods, too.

~Sharon Jones

My goal for these next few years, for the next forever, is to try and keep positive things around me. If somebody is coming at me with negative stuff, just back away from me.

~Sharon Jones

I've got to find local farmers and get natural foods.

~Sharon Jones

I can't eat processed food.

~Sharon Jones

I just want to be able to get onstage and move and move around.

~Sharon Jones

I'm lookin' at these Disney characters, these young girls coming out looking like, little whores.

~Sharon Jones

I just want to give my love to God.

~Sharon Jones

I sing because I'm happy.

~Sharon Jones

Not only do I say, get up and get out, I tell the cancer to get up and get out. And if you don't get up and get out, I'm going to shout you out. And I get to shout.

~Sharon Jones

Being with the Dap-Kings is like being an athlete.

~Sharon Jones

Every time I do a gig, my goal is getting new fans.

~Sharon Jones

Phish is such a good band; they just make stuff up as a jam band.

~Sharon Jones

I never took any kind of vocal lessons or teachings of how to - I never even took piano lessons. And a voice just came to me and said, go play the piano in the church.

~Sharon Jones

Maybe I won't have as much energy. And maybe the highs in my voice won't be what they used to be. But exercise is helping me pace myself.

~Sharon Jones

My fans have written me such kind emails. My management at Daptone helped me heal, too. I'm in a good place.

~Sharon Jones

As for me, I rarely write a song. But when I do write a song, like "Ain't No Chimneys in the Projects," which came to me at three a.m. one morning, on a whim - I get a percentage.

~Sharon Jones

I really can't wait to dance with Ellen DeGeneres!

~Sharon Jones

[I've worked as a guard at Rikers Island] from 1988 to 1990.

~Sharon Jones

Record designers marvel on that stuff. They go back and look at old covers, then make new ones.

~Sharon Jones

I'm blessed to be in an environment where people are sincere.

~Sharon Jones

I remember my sister and I - my big sister would get up on her chair in the kitchen and sing Mary Wells' "What's Easy for Two Is So Hard for One." It was 1966, and I was 10 years old.

~Sharon Jones

I'm not planning on singing too late. Maybe another eight or 10 years is enough before I retire. It would also be great to revisit all these stunning places around the world where I have toured.

~Sharon Jones

I'm going to dress a little different. Those frilly dresses I used to wear on stage, that was the old me.

~Sharon Jones

I'm grateful to be alive, because I really did not think I was going to be alive, onstage performing songs.

~Sharon Jones

You know a man can play the part of a saint just so long for a day comes when his true, his true self unfolds.

~Sharon Jones

I'm coming back to give the people what they want.

~Sharon Jones

Everything I've done and everything I've gained in my life has been with my music.

~Sharon Jones

When I got sick this past summer, I couldn't - my mind just wasn't on music. The rest of the band understood. But once October came, I felt ready to get back again.

~Sharon Jones

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