

# Sholom Aleichem Quotes

*Children, Jew, Men, Life, Want, Self, People, Pieces, Giving, Love, Laughing,  
Wise, Knows, Remember You, Soul, Gun, Smart, Telephones, Sleep, Nature*

Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor.

~Sholom Aleichem

No matter how bad things get, you got to go on living, even if it kills you.

~Sholom Aleichem

You see how it is, my dear friends. There's no pleasing everyone. It's hopeless to even try, and the more you play the peacemaker, the less peaceful things become.

~Sholom Aleichem

One cannot live on potatoes alone. It is said that one wants bread with potatoes. And when there's no bread, a Jew takes his stick, and goes through the village in search of business.

~Sholom Aleichem

If you listen carefully, you get to hear everything you didn't want to hear in the first place.

~Sholom Aleichem

Gossip is nature's telephone.

~Sholom Aleichem

The rich swell up with pride, the poor from hunger.

~Sholom Aleichem

If somebody tells you you have ears like a donkey, pay no attention. But if two people tell you, buy yourself a saddle.

~Sholom Aleichem

Without love our life is ... a ship without a rudder ... like a body without a soul.

~Sholom Aleichem

The worm in the radish doesn't think there is anything sweeter.

~Sholom Aleichem

You can take a Jew out of a shtetl, but you cannot take a shtetl out of a Jew.

~Sholom Aleichem

A wise word is not a substitute for a piece of herring.

~Sholom Aleichem

I never turn down a drink. Among friends it's always appropriate. A man is only a man as they say, but brandy is still brandy. You'll find that in the Talmud too.

~Sholom Aleichem

When the heart is full it runs out of the eyes.

~Sholom Aleichem

I will never permit myself to give in to American taste and lower the standards of art.

~Sholom Aleichem

A real pleasure is a pleasure that one enjoys by one's self, without a companion, and without a single argument.

~Sholom Aleichem

Love is a taste of paradise.

~Sholom Aleichem

Barking dogs don't bite, but they themselves don't know it.

~Sholom Aleichem

A cantor, when he starts singing, it's like rain - once it starts, it's hard to stop.

~Sholom Aleichem

A bachelor is a man who comes to work each morning from a different direction.

~Sholom Aleichem

A kind word is no substitute for a piece of herring or a bag of oats.

~Sholom Aleichem

They say that children become men, and men become children. Many generations have grown up, become men, and gone hence.

~Sholom Aleichem

When have you ever heard of a cantor or any artist turning anyone down when he is strongly urged to perform?

~Sholom Aleichem

To make people laugh was almost a sickness with me.

~Sholom Aleichem

Here lies a plain and simple Jew who wrote in plain and simple prose.

~Sholom Aleichem

No one knows whom the shoe pinches - no one.

~Sholom Aleichem

Ah, how many luxuries has the good God prepared for his Jewish children.

~Sholom Aleichem

Each Jew must either give or take tzedakah [charity] for Passover.

~Sholom Aleichem

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