

# Stevie Ray Vaughan Quotes

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Growing Up*

You see, we are here, as far as I can tell, to help each other - our brothers, our sisters, our friends, our enemies. That's to help each other, not hurt each other.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I use heavy strings, tune low, play hard, and floor it. Floor it. That's technical talk.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Your sound is in your hands as much as anything. It's the way you pick, and the way you hold the guitar, more than it is the amp or the guitar you use.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Music really is a way to reach out and hold on to each other in a healthy way.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

The way people come into your life when you need them, it's wonderful and it happens in so many ways. It's like having an angel. Somebody comes along and helps you get right.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I'm just doing the best I can now to keep this going... trying to grow up and remain young at the same time.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I wanted to play saxophone, but all I could get were a few squeaks.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

So, my big brother was playing guitar and I figured I'd try it too.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

When I play from my mind I get in trouble.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I don't play with a lot of finesse. I usually play like I'm breaking out of jail!

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

That's how it happens, livin' life by the drop.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

It is the human things that make life good, the unexpected kindness, the friendly note, the bracing word, the neighbour's extra loaf of bread she leaves at our back door.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

While I was sleeping, I had a beautiful dream that all the people of the world got together on the same wavelength and began helping each other.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

But between sets I'd sneak over to the black places to hear blues musicians. It got to the point where I was making my living at white clubs and having my fun at the other places.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Looking back in front of me, in the mirror a grin. Through eyes of love I see, I'm only looking at a friend.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I got a lot of paradoxes in my life. I guess I'm a real confused person, but there are some focused parts to my life now, and I'm slowly trying to put all the pieces back together.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I actually wanted to be a drummer, but I didn't have any drums.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I was taught to think the next week or month or year will only get better than it is today. So I just keep waiting to see how great it will get!

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I've been trying to grow up some myself, in my heart, and it's happening quick and I feel good about it, and I want that to come out in the music.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

The whole deal is when you walk onstage, you're up there bigger than life. People idolize you.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I love my baby like the finest wine, I'll stick with her until the end of time.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

The problem with taking amps to a shop is that they come back sounding like another amp.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

All the Strats have personalities of their own and feel completely different.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

God it's good to be here walkin together, my friend.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

You know, there's a big lie in this business. The lie is that it's okay to go out in flames. But that doesn't do anybody much good. I may be wrong, but I think Hendrix was trying to come around.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I hit rock bottom, but thank God my bottom wasn't death.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

The way I play, I go through a set in a year. So I put '58 Gibson Jumbo Bass frets on all my necks.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Lots of times I'll play lead and rhythm together.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

I play as many different things - piano, sax and harp parts - as I can at once. Whatever I can fit, whenever I need to.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Even though there's reasons to try things that may or may not work, it's still a real intimate way to finish the song with everybody right there in the band just locked in.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

If you hit the front end on the right-hand side you could turn that one on by itself and if you hit on the left-hand side you could turn it on and off. And in the middle it was like serious overdrive.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Jazz changes and all. But I don't know the names of what it is I'm doing.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

My baby she's a long and lean, you mess with her you see a man get mean.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

Well there's floodin' down in Texas. All of the telephone lines are down. Well, I've been tryin' to call my baby, Lord, and I can't get a single

sound.

~Stevie Ray Vaughan

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