

Terry Riley

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Acceleration is finite, I think, according to some laws of physics.

~Terry Riley

Essentially my contribution was to introduce repetition into Western music as the main ingredient without any melody over it, without anything just repeated patterns, musical patterns.

~Terry Riley

The highest point of music for me is to become in a place where there is no desire, no craving, wanting to do anything else. It is the best place you have ever been, and yet there is nothing there.

~Terry Riley

The incredible thing about the human mind is that it didn't come with an instruction book.

~Terry Riley

It's not what happens to you in life that matters; what matters is how you deal with it!

~Terry Riley

We are either going to dissolve as a human race or we are going to break through into a new understanding of what it is to be a human being.

~Terry Riley

I had already done *Rainbow in Curved Air* and had a big record on CBS. I was launched to have a long career and then I just dropped out and went to India.

~Terry Riley

I was using tape loops for dancers and dance production. I had very funky primitive equipment, in fact technology wasn't very good no matter how much money you had.

~Terry Riley

It seems like we are moving towards something, some kind of point and it is probably going to be an important point in our development or dissolution. That is what everybody seems to be thinking.

~Terry Riley

Talking about the all night concerts, I did some of the first all night concerts back in the 60's with this little harmonium, and I also had saxophone taped delays.

~Terry Riley

Everyone seems to be in a kind of accelerated time mode that is beyond their own control.

~Terry Riley

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