

Tom Lehrer

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Life is like a piano. What you get out of it depends on how you play it.

~Tom Lehrer

Once the rockets are up, who cares where they come down ? That's not my department.

~Tom Lehrer

If I can't get people to commit themselves on whether or not there is a square root of two, then I won't touch on God or anything here

~Tom Lehrer

I know that there are people who do not love their fellow man, and I hate people like that!

~Tom Lehrer

Bad weather always looks worse through a window.

~Tom Lehrer

I feel that if a person has problems communicating the very least he can do is to shut up.

~Tom Lehrer

Political satire became obsolete when they awarded Henry Kissinger the Nobel Peace Prize.

~Tom Lehrer

On my income tax 1040 it says 'Check this box if you are blind.' I wanted to put a check mark about three inches away.

~Tom Lehrer

It is a sobering thought that when Mozart was my age, he had been dead for two years.

~Tom Lehrer

I went from adolescence to senility, trying to bypass maturity.

~Tom Lehrer

Always predict the worst, and you'll be hailed as a prophet.

~Tom Lehrer

If, after hearing my songs, just one human being is inspired to say something nasty to a friend, or perhaps to strike a loved one, it will all have been worth the while.

~Tom Lehrer

Be careful not to do your good deeds when there's no one watching you.

~Tom Lehrer

Disclaimer: If anyone disagrees with anything I say, I am quite prepared to not only retract it, but also to deny under oath I ever said it.

~Tom Lehrer

Irreverence is easy - whats hard is wit.

~Tom Lehrer

I don't want to satirise George Bush and his puppeteers, I want to vaporise them.

~Tom Lehrer

I wish people who have trouble communicating would just shut up.

~Tom Lehrer

Some of you may have met mathematicians and wondered how they got that way.

~Tom Lehrer

Apart from that Mrs Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?

~Tom Lehrer

Oh, the Protestants hate the Catholics/ And the Catholics hate the Protestants/ And the Hindus hate the Muslims/ And everybody hates the Jews.

~Tom Lehrer

Counting in octal is just likst counting in decimal--if you don't use your thumbs.

~Tom Lehrer

If you asked me to write a rock song or a rap song, I couldn't do it because they're not in my fingers.

~Tom Lehrer

I've heard it quoted that I was dead. You can't believe anything you read. That was just an off-hand remark somebody picked up, and now it's been quoted and quoted, and therefore misquoted.

~Tom Lehrer

The reason most folksongs are so atrocious is that they were written by the people.

~Tom Lehrer

They love us everywhere we go. So when in doubt, send the Marines.

~Tom Lehrer

The audiences like to think that satire is doing something. But, in fact, it is mostly to leave themselves satisfied. Satisfied rather than angry, which is what they should be.

~Tom Lehrer

Filth, I'm glad to say, is in the mind of the beholder. When correctly viewed, everything is lewd.

~Tom Lehrer

But in the new (math) approach, the important thing is to understand what you're doing, rather than to get the right answer.

~Tom Lehrer

The Army has carried the American... ideal to its logical conclusion... Not only do they prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, creed and color, but also on the grounds of ability.

~Tom Lehrer

On Christmas day you can't get sore, your fellow man you must adore. There's time to cheat him all the more the other three hundred and sixty-four

~Tom Lehrer

I'm very proud of myself on my, whatever the literacy is, I'm pretentious, totally pretentious. I like to say 'hmm', for example.

~Tom Lehrer

I find that if you take the various popular song forms to their logical extremes, you can arrive at almost anything from the ridiculous to the obscene-or, as they say in New York, sophisticated.

~Tom Lehrer

I don't have the temperament of a performer, and I certainly couldn't do it every night.

~Tom Lehrer

When someone makes a move Of which we don't approve, Who is it that always intervenes? U.N. and O.A.S., They have their place, I guess, But first send the Marines!

~Tom Lehrer

Hark, the Herald Tribune sings, Advertising wondrous things!

~Tom Lehrer

Once the rockets are up, who cares where they come down?

~Tom Lehrer

I ache for the touch of your lips dear, but much more for the touch of your whips dear.

~Tom Lehrer

In one word he told me the secret of success in mathematics: plagiarize; only be sure always to call it . . . research.

~Tom Lehrer

For there is surely nothing more beautiful in this world than the sight of a lone man facing single-handedly a half a ton of angry pot roast!

~Tom Lehrer

Base eight is just like base ten really, if you're missing two fingers.

~Tom Lehrer

You can raise welts like nobody else, as we dance to the Masochism Tango.

~Tom Lehrer

People are stupider than anybody.

~Tom Lehrer

I have always found it interesting... that there are people who regard copyright infringement as a form of flattery.

~Tom Lehrer

We are the folk song army, every one of us cares. We all hate poverty, war, and injustice unlike the rest of you squares.

~Tom Lehrer

Be it ever so decadent, there's no place like home.

~Tom Lehrer

Don't drink the water and don't breathe the air!

~Tom Lehrer

The poor folks hate the rich folks, and the rich folks hate the poor folks.
All of my folks hate all of your folks, it's American as apple pie.

~Tom Lehrer

No one is more dangerous than someone who thinks he has "The Truth". To be an atheist is almost as arrogant as to be a fundamentalist. But then again, I can get pretty arrogant.

~Tom Lehrer

Laughter is involuntary. If it's funny you laugh.

~Tom Lehrer

Well, you ask a silly question, and you get a silly answer.

~Tom Lehrer

If I see a movie star in the department store buying something, I'll kind of sidle up and see what they're saying, what they look like, how they sound. That's an invasion of privacy.

~Tom Lehrer

There's ten stuffed heads in my trophy room right now, two game wardens, seven hunters, and a cow.

~Tom Lehrer

When correctly viewed, everything is lewd.

~Tom Lehrer

Step up and shake the hand Of someone you can't stand, You can tolerate him if you try!

~Tom Lehrer

Once all the Germans were warlike and mean But that couldn't happen again We taught them a lesson in nineteen eighteen And they've hardly bothered us since then

~Tom Lehrer

I figure I wrote 37 songs in 20 years, and that's not exactly a full-time job. It wasn't that I was writing and writing and writing and quit.

~Tom Lehrer

Angels we have heard on High Tell us to go out and Buy.

~Tom Lehrer

And although I'm all for freedom of expression and against censorship, there are certain things I'm not willing to go to jail for.

~Tom Lehrer

The audience usually has to be with you, I'm afraid. I always regarded myself as not even preaching to the converted, I was titillating the converted.

~Tom Lehrer

Don't write naughty words on the wall if you can't spell!

~Tom Lehrer

Everything is so weird in politics that it's very hard to be funny about it, I think.

~Tom Lehrer

So long, Mom I'm off to drop the bomb So don't wait up for me But while you swelter Down there in your shelter You can see me On your

TV

~Tom Lehrer

If the hoods don't get you, the monoxide will.

~Tom Lehrer

I wasn't really a performer by temperament.

~Tom Lehrer

I'm not an original composer. The tunes are not stolen from other tunes necessarily except in a few cases, but they're in the style of songs that I grew up with.

~Tom Lehrer

People would go anywhere to see a famous person in the flesh, no matter what they do.

~Tom Lehrer

I think that if people are having trouble communicating with one another, the least they can do is SHUT UP.

~Tom Lehrer

You cant be satirical and not be offensive to somebody.

~Tom Lehrer

The Lord's our shepherd, says the psalm. But just in case, we better get a bomb.

~Tom Lehrer

Oh we will all fry together when we fry. We'll be french fried potatoes by and by. There will be no more misery When the world is our rotisserie, Yes, we will all fry together when we fry.

~Tom Lehrer

And we will all go together when we go. What a comforting fact that is to know. Universal bereavement, An inspiring achievement, Yes, we will all go together when we go.

~Tom Lehrer

In my youth there were words you couldn't say in front of a girl; now you can't say 'girl.'

~Tom Lehrer

Well I wasn't really attacking the religious beliefs [in the song 'The Vatican Rag'], I was attacking the formality of the rituals of the Catholic church; however, people took it wrongly.

~Tom Lehrer

Don't solicit for your sister, it's not nice. Unless you get a good percentage of her price.

~Tom Lehrer

The people who came to hear me perform or to buy my records were not the type who would be offended [by the song 'The Vatican Rag']. But I gather that there were other people who were offended.

~Tom Lehrer

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