

Tom T. Hall Quotes

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I have my own religion. I'm sort of one-quarter Baptist, one-quarter Catholic, one-quarter Jewish.

~Tom T. Hall

I'm a very comfortable and happy-go-lucky old man. I never wanted to be great, because I'd just get worried.

~Tom T. Hall

Whiskey's too tough, Champagne costs too much, Vodka puts my mouth in gear. I hope this refrain, Will help me explain, As a matter of fact, I like beer.

~Tom T. Hall

The best compliment I ever had is, one day I was in Nashville, some disc jockey said, Hey, that sounds like a Tom T. Hall song. Up until then there hadn't been any such thing.

~Tom T. Hall

I love winners when they cry, losers when they try.

~Tom T. Hall

Make your melodies simple enough so that the average person can hum them.

~Tom T. Hall

I love coffee in a cup, little fuzzy pups, bourbon in a glass, and grass.

~Tom T. Hall

When I first got to Nashville, somebody said that [Kris Kristofferson and I] were the only two people who could describe Dolly Parton without using their hands.

~Tom T. Hall

I took up a sort of a hobby of just hanging around the local library. I'd

pick out an author and I would read all their books.

~Tom T. Hall

After I retired and came off the road, I gathered up all my musical instruments and suddenly, I wanted them all to be perfect.

~Tom T. Hall

God bless little children while they're still too young to hate.

~Tom T. Hall

It's Faster horses, Younger women, Older whiskey and More money.

~Tom T. Hall

Young kids are doing the same thing I did, but they're doing it differently. They don't do brain surgery the way they used to do it either.

~Tom T. Hall

I never fixed a story. I didn't make judgments, I let the listener make judgments. When I got to the end of the story, if it had a moral, I let the listener find it.

~Tom T. Hall

Religion is a strange, wonderful thing. More crimes have been committed in the name of righteousness than any other notion.

~Tom T. Hall

The way you look for songs, you find yourself looking for little signals and clues about life and how things are.

~Tom T. Hall

Songwriting is as much a craft as a talent.

~Tom T. Hall

If Barbara Walters was interviewing me, I'd figure her career was as dead as mine!

~Tom T. Hall

The first time with artistic endeavors is, if it's working, it was your idea, and if it's not, it's somebody else's idea.

~Tom T. Hall

I don't know why songwriters struggle. They have to, I guess. If you're a young songwriter, quit struggling. It makes you look bad.

~Tom T. Hall

I've been polite and I've always shown up. Somebody asked me if I had any advice for young people entering the business. I said: "Yeah, show up."

~Tom T. Hall

This generation should entertain this generation. It's only fair. When I was a kid, I mowed the lawn. Now, somebody else's kid can mow the lawn.

~Tom T. Hall

I had the notion that I wanted to write the great dirty American novel, so I went to Roanoke College on the GI Bill.

~Tom T. Hall

I am a fan of history.

~Tom T. Hall

The first guy who came up with the concept of religion was sitting out under a tree. I'm sure of that.

~Tom T. Hall

I was well traveled, and I created this illusion of literacy through reading

and writing. I wrote a book of short stories.

~Tom T. Hall

She gave her heart to Jethro and her body to the whole wide world.

~Tom T. Hall

I have had hundreds of people work for me over the years, and I don't think I ever fired anybody.

~Tom T. Hall

Old dogs care about you, even when you make mistakes.

~Tom T. Hall

Is this really Butte, Montana, or just existential blues?

~Tom T. Hall

When you retire, it's a place in life, a part of the journey. You just don't quit work; you develop an attitude where you can do what you please

~Tom T. Hall

A song is a poem set to music.

~Tom T. Hall

It is so important for me to try, and having tried I look back on failure and success as if it were all the same.

~Tom T. Hall

It used to be that you'd have a song recorded by a major country artist and if it was a hit, you could buy a car. Now you can buy a dealership.

~Tom T. Hall

Me and Jesus got our own thing going on. We don't need anybody to tell us what it's all about.

~Tom T. Hall

A monkey was the President, though maybe not the first. And there was peace and harmony throughout the universe.

~Tom T. Hall

I never hid out. I was never big enough a star.

~Tom T. Hall

My theory is if you have a religion, it's a good one. Because some people don't have any at all.

~Tom T. Hall

The enticing allure of Nashville is that there is always something new coming down the pike. Put this record on and you'll hear footsteps.

~Tom T. Hall

I was quite a reader before I became a writer.

~Tom T. Hall

Nobody knows a hit before it's a hit.

~Tom T. Hall

People think because you're private, you have something you don't want them to know.

~Tom T. Hall

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