

Van Morrison Quotes

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Smell the sea and feel the sky.

~Van Morrison

The fog of illusion, the fog of confusion is hanging all over the world.

~Van Morrison

Have I told you lately that I love you, have I told you lately there's no one above you. Fill my heart with gladness, take away all my sadness, ease my troubles, that's what you do.

~Van Morrison

These are the days of the endless summer, these are the days, the time is now. There is no past, there's only future, there's only here, there's only now.

~Van Morrison

Hark, now hear the sailors cry, smell the sea, and feel the sky let your soul & spirit fly, into the mystic.

~Van Morrison

You gotta fight every day to keep mediocrity at bay.

~Van Morrison

Music is spiritual. The music business is not.

~Van Morrison

Let your soul and spirit fly.

~Van Morrison

Meet them halfway with love, peace, and persuasion, and expect them to rise for the occasion.

~Van Morrison

I think Paul McGuinness and U2 created the Irish music industry. It

certainly wasn't there before that.

~Van Morrison

Let go into the mystery Let yourself go You've got to open up your heart
That's all I know Trust what I say and do what you're told Baby, and all
your dirt will turn Into gold.

~Van Morrison

A fantabulous night to make romance.

~Van Morrison

Once in a blue moon someone like you comes along.

~Van Morrison

In deep confusion, in great despair, when I reach out for him, he is
there. When I am lonely as I can be, then I know God shines his light
on me.

~Van Morrison

Making love in the green grass behind the stadium with you my brown
eyed girl.

~Van Morrison

Go up to the mountain, go up to the glen, where silence will touch you,
and heartbreak will mend.

~Van Morrison

If my heart could do my thinking, would my brain begin to feel?

~Van Morrison

There is no black-and-white situation. It's all part of life. Highs, lows,
middles.

~Van Morrison

When you hear the music ringin' in your soul
And you feel it in your heart and it grows and grows
And it comes from the backstreet rock & roll
and the healing has begun...

~Van Morrison

I had my eyes closed in the dark, I sighed a million sighs,
I told a million lies, to myself, to myself.

~Van Morrison

The blues - there's no black and white - it's the truth.

~Van Morrison

Love of the simple is all that I need, I've no time for schism or lovers of greed.

~Van Morrison

Large audiences did not suit my low-key approach.

~Van Morrison

The wild night is calling.

~Van Morrison

You can call it nostalgia, I don't mind
Standing on that windswept hillside
Listening to the church bells chime
Listen to the church bells chime
In that magic time.

~Van Morrison

Memories, how they linger in the twilight and in the wee small hours
sometimes just before dawn.

~Van Morrison

I didn't know what some of the stuff on Astral Weeks was about until years later.

~Van Morrison

There's always got to be a struggle. What else is there? That's what life is made of. I don't know anything else. If there is, tell me about it.

~Van Morrison

Leave your thoughtlessness behind you then you may begin to understand. Clear the emptiness around you with the waving of your hand.

~Van Morrison

Laying underneath the stars Can be so much fun Especially when you're feeling good When you're with the one you love.

~Van Morrison

When I think of that dear rugged cross where the dear Saviour gave his all... When I feel like I'm on my last go round, see me through.

~Van Morrison

I've never felt like I was born with a silver spoon at all, although I've felt like howling at the moon a lot of times!

~Van Morrison

Men come, men go, all things remain in God.

~Van Morrison

If you live the life you love, you get the blessing from above.

~Van Morrison

I write songs. Then I record them. And later, maybe I perform them on stage. That's what I do. That's my job. Simple.

~Van Morrison

I'm a dweller of the threshold and I'm waiting at the door, and I'm standing in the darkness, I don't want to wait no more.

~Van Morrison

Don't lose the wonder in your eyes It's right there when you smile... If we go back, for a while Let me go back, for a while To that magic time

~Van Morrison

I'm a working man in my prime cleaning windows.

~Van Morrison

You come into my dreams from a whisper to a scream.

~Van Morrison

You can't stop us on the road to freedom, you can't stop us cause our eyes can see.

~Van Morrison

Spiritual hunger and spiritual thirst But you got to change it On the inside first To be satisfied

~Van Morrison

The summer breeze was blowing on your face Within your violet you treasure your summery words And as the shiver from my neck down to my spine Ignited me in daylight and nature in the garden

~Van Morrison

Men saw the stars at the edge of the sea They thought great thoughts about liberty Poets wrote down words that did fit Writers wrote books Thinkers thought about it.

~Van Morrison

No guru, no method, no teacher, just you and I and nature, and the father in the garden.

~Van Morrison

When you start to analyze [rock 'n' roll], it's only because you don't understand it. You're just not connecting with it once you have to start

analyzing it.

~Van Morrison

Going down the old mine with a transistor radio.

~Van Morrison

It's all complete instinct and intuition, and that's extremely difficult to teach.

~Van Morrison

Like I said, basically I'm a rocker. That's about it. Things that I've done away from that-branches that I've gotten into off of that - are just other streams, other things that I can do.

~Van Morrison

Even today, skiffle is a defining part of my music. If I get the opportunity to just have a jam, skiffle is what I love to play.

~Van Morrison

Being famous was extremely disappointing for me. When I became famous it was a complete drag and it is still a complete drag.

~Van Morrison

I never paid attention to what was contemporary or what was commercial, it didn't mean anything to me.

~Van Morrison

Sometimes, when the spirit moves me I can do many wondrous things I wanna know when the spirit moves you Did ye get healed?

~Van Morrison

Into the Music was about the first album where I felt, 'I'm starting here'...the Wavelength thing, I didn't really feel that was me.

~Van Morrison

You take stuff from different places, and sometimes you stick a line in because it rhymes, not because it makes sense.

~Van Morrison

The point of jazz is, you do something and then you go on.

~Van Morrison

Hearing the blues changed my life.

~Van Morrison

I don't think nostalgia has to be negative.

~Van Morrison

Someone once described me as a maverick and that's what I would say. I'm a maverick not by choice but by conviction.

~Van Morrison

I educated myself. To me, school was boring.

~Van Morrison

My ambition when I started out was to play two or three gigs a week. And that's what I'm doing.

~Van Morrison

When I started studying tenor saxophone as a kid in Belfast, I did so with a guy named George Cassidy, who was also a big inspiration.

~Van Morrison

From the dark end of the street - To the bright side of the road - We'll be lovers once again on the - Bright side of the road

~Van Morrison

When I started you were more in touch with the people you were playing to. There wasn't the distance or the separation that there is

now.

~Van Morrison

I went back to Belfast and started a club, the Maritime. No one had thought about doing a blues club, so I was the first.

~Van Morrison

I do see value in music criticism. Most of the criticism I have received over the years has been very good.

~Van Morrison

The trip had become boring. It wasn't exciting anymore to totally be a singer/songwriter because it wasn't working for me.

~Van Morrison

I'm talking about noise rock. I don't think that noise rock element belongs in jazz. It's not for me anyway; it just doesn't fit.

~Van Morrison

I forgot that love existed, troubled in my mind. Heartache after heartache, worried all the time. I forgot that love existed Then I saw the light Everyone around me make everything alright.

~Van Morrison

I was just getting tired of the image bullshit...that man of mystery trip and what have you. What's that all about?

~Van Morrison

And I shall watch the ferry boats, and they'll get high, on a bluer ocean against tomorrow's sky. and i will never grow so old again, and i will walk and talk, in gardens all wet with rain.

~Van Morrison

Skiffle was a name that was attached to what was, in essence,

American folk music with a beat.

~Van Morrison

You can't stay the same. If you're a musician and a singer, you have to change, that's the way it works.

~Van Morrison

In order to win you must be prepared to lose sometime. And leave one or two cards showing.

~Van Morrison

I like to see people reaching back for the roots and for the reason why. Not intellectually, but just for the gut feeling of what it's all about.

~Van Morrison

My responsibility is to fulfil what that natural thing is. The thing that I dislike about pop rock Top 40 music is that it's not natural.

~Van Morrison

I just need somewhere to dump all my negativity.

~Van Morrison

There's always stress involved in any genre or art form, there's always going to be a struggle. If there's no struggle, you wouldn't do anything. What are you going to do? Retire?

~Van Morrison

You learn to read the audiences after a while, and there are all different kinds of gigs.

~Van Morrison

I've got love in my life, as well as trouble and strife.

~Van Morrison

It's a marvelous night for a moondance!

~Van Morrison

I learnt from Armstrong on the early recordings that you never sang a song the same way twice.

~Van Morrison

Way across the country where the hillside mountains glide, the dynamo of your smile caressed the barefoot virgin child.

~Van Morrison

Once you start to analyze it [Joyous Sound], you've completely lost it. That one just came.

~Van Morrison

You've got to separate the singer and the songs.

~Van Morrison

And I want to rock your gypsy soul Just like way back in the days of old
And magnificently we will fold into the mystic

~Van Morrison

[You Got To Make It Through The World] it's kind of a survival song. Survival is what's happening and it's basically a song about that.

~Van Morrison

I understood jazz, I understood how it worked. That's what I apply to everything.

~Van Morrison

You have to understand a bit about the poetry of the blues to know where the references are coming from.

~Van Morrison

It was really strange for me when I started to play concerts in America where the audiences were all sitting down.

~Van Morrison

The way I was singing the songs was jazz

~Van Morrison

I never bought the commercial thing, at any stage of the game.

~Van Morrison

At the end of the day, we should give thanks and pray, to the one, to the one.

~Van Morrison

There's an angel that's watching right over you
All your trials have not been in vain
Won't you lift your head up to the starry night
Finding strength in the things that remain.

~Van Morrison

When heart is open, you will change just like a flower slowly opening.

~Van Morrison

Performing was the natural thing originally and the rest of it [records and so on] is just like offshoots of that. That's how I see it anyway.

~Van Morrison

I don't have any regrets about the album [Veedon Fleece]. But it's the same old story - an album is basically 35 or 40 minutes of what you do. It's 'part' of what you do.

~Van Morrison

What excited me when I first came into it was the performing aspect and doing blues-oriented material, rock/blues oriented stuff, basic stuff, basic what they call rock 'n' roll.

~Van Morrison

I'd found that what I wrote and put out on records somehow was not fitting into how I perform on stage.

~Van Morrison

I don't feel comfortable doing interviews. My profession is music, and writing songs. That's what I do. I like to do it, but I hate to talk about it.

~Van Morrison

If you get into introspective blues or something where you're stretching out a bit, large audiences don't respond to this, so you have to give them what they want, basically.

~Van Morrison

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