

Yip Harburg Quotes

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Moon, Tree, Wings, Girl, Country, Space, Matter, Men, Amelia, Children, Phony*

April in Paris, chestnuts in blossom, holiday tables under the trees.

~Yip Harburg

If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow, why oh why can't I?

~Yip Harburg

Oh, innocent victims of Cupid, remember this terse little verse: To let a fool kiss you is stupid. To let a kiss fool you is worse.

~Yip Harburg

Someday I'll wish upon a star.

~Yip Harburg

Follow the yellow brick road.

~Yip Harburg

I am one of the last of a small tribe of troubadours, who still believe that life is a beautiful and exciting journey with a purpose and grace which are well worth singing about.

~Yip Harburg

They who meet on an April night are forever lost in love, if there's moonlight all about and there's no moon above.

~Yip Harburg

Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought.

~Yip Harburg

This we learn from Watergate that almost any creep'll be glad to help the Government overthrow the people.

~Yip Harburg

My whole family has been having trouble with immigrants ever since we

came to this country.

~Yip Harburg

Music gives 'wings' to words.

~Yip Harburg

My heart wants roots My mind wants wings. I cannot bear Their bickerings.

~Yip Harburg

No matter how high or great the throne, What sits on it is the same as your own.

~Yip Harburg

I am a rebel by birth... I contest anything that is unjust, that causes suffering in humanity. My feelings about that are so strong, I don't think I could live with myself if I weren't honest.

~Yip Harburg

Ding-dong, the wicked witch is dead.

~Yip Harburg

The world would be a safer place, If someone had a plan, Before exploring outer space, To find the inner man.

~Yip Harburg

All the heroes of tomorrow are the heretics of today.

~Yip Harburg

The Lord made Adam, the Lord made Eve, he made 'em both a little bit naive.

~Yip Harburg

Songs are the pulse of a nation's heart. A fever chart of its health.

~Yip Harburg

Once I built a railroad; now it's done. Brother, can you spare a dime?

~Yip Harburg

Virtue is its own revenge.

~Yip Harburg

When the idle poor, Become the idle rich, You'll never know, Just who is who, Or who is which.

~Yip Harburg

We gotta be free - The eagle and me. see Amelia Jenks Bloomer, Emancipation of Women

~Yip Harburg

Leave the atom alone.

~Yip Harburg

For what we are about to receive, Oh Lord 'tis Thee we thank,' said the cannibal as he cut a slice off the missionary's shank.

~Yip Harburg

No matter how much I prove and prod, I cannot quite believe in God; But oh, I hope to God that He, Unswervingly believes in me.

~Yip Harburg

When the melody touches your heart emotionally and the words hit your brain intellectually, more than likely you'll find you'll have an excellent song to sing.

~Yip Harburg

Did God who gave us flowers and trees, Also provide the allergies?

~Yip Harburg

When I'm not near the girl I love, I love the girl I'm near.

~Yip Harburg

It's a Barnum and Bailey world, Just as phony as it can be...

~Yip Harburg

There ought to be a law against necessity.

~Yip Harburg

Follow the fellow who follows a dream.

~Yip Harburg

Say, it's only a paper moon, / Sailing over a cardboard sea.

~Yip Harburg

How are things in Glocca Mora this fine day?

~Yip Harburg

As the writer of the lyric of the song 'God's Country,' I am outraged by the suggestion that somehow I am connected with, believe in, or am sympathetic with Communist or totalitarian philosophy.

~Yip Harburg

WHERE and WHEN, Are lost in space. THERE and THEN, Do not embrace. So before we disappear, Come sweet NOW and kiss the HERE.

~Yip Harburg

A Russian child asked his mother : "does God know we don't believe in Him?"

~Yip Harburg

Lives of great men all remind us greatness takes no easy way.

~Yip Harburg

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