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# **The Word from the Woodman**

- or, more simply -

Woodyisms

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## Introduction

This volume collects nearly one hundred of the sayings, metaphors and spontaneous compositions of the famous Woody Alford – known widely as the Woodman. The entries in this list were recorded as and when Woody blurted them out at his desk at the Boeing Company. This volume was produced on the occasion of his retirement.

Woody is a loyal son of the South. During the years he was being raised on the family farm, Woody amassed a wealth of colorful terms and country wisdom. These he has dispensed over his years at work to his city-bred co-workers. We have all benefited from the education.

Each entry is funny and could not offend, but a few contain a scatological reference, so parental supervision is recommended.

Read on and enjoy.

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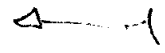
## **Comparisons**

- Older than dirt.
- Nervous as a whore in church.
- Colder than a well digger's ass.
- Drunk as a High Church Lord.
- It was so hot the lizards carried boards to stand on.
- Slower than pond water.
- Happier than a pig in shit.
- Rain drops as big as marbles.
- So ugly, she / he had to sneak up on the bucket and chase down the water.
- Raining like a cow peeing on a flat rock.
- . . . whipped like a rented mule.
- . . . hornier than a two peckered goat.

## **Principles of Management**

- Education takes more than time and money.
- It's easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- We are expecting big things from you today. Step lively, you are being watched.
- It is far better to do the right thing, than to do things right.

- If you are pulling the bull's tail, watch out for the horns!
- So lead us! You wanted to lead. We were all here when they asked. You were waving your hand, dancing from foot to foot, like you had to pee, squealing, "Pick me! Pick me!"
- "OPS TECH - Glasses in just one hour."
- Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
- The Vikings are climbing our walls and all we (can) do is pour hot soup on 'em!
- If you dance with a grizzly bear, better let him lead.
- One "Aw, Shit!" will wipe out all your "Attaboys!"



**Remarks at the Urinal**  
- or nearby

- Gotta go draw off a batch.
- Where the good men hang out.
- I came in here to have it out with you.
- You can't drive a railroad spike with a tack hammer.
- Got a dry pocket ?
- Be careful with that thing. It has absolutely no conscience!
- Don't know whether to shit or go blind.

- Got the green apple quick-step.

### Fools

- descriptions of,
- or dealing with same

- Don't trust him as far as I can throw a cow by the tail.
- What's his name? Oh, you know. Yeah. Shit-for-Brains.
- Got a mind like a Steel Trap . . . snaps shut and won't let anything in.
- He would give his front seat in Hell for that!
- . . . like pissing into the wind and expecting to stay dry.
- Every once in a while, even a blind pig will find an acorn.
- (So stupid, he . . . ) couldn't pour piss out of a boot from directions written on the heel.
- Shit in your hat and pull it down over your ears.
- I like your hat. Wish I had two. One to shit in, 't other to cover it up.
- On that one, he shit in his shirt pocket.
- You want what? You can want in one hand, shit in the other, and see which one fills up first.
- He can't find his ass with both hands.

- plays pocket pools and losses!

- won the Diamond - Studded Knee Pads award.

- You are pissing on the wheels of progress!
- (A suck-up who can . . .) suck a golf ball through a garden hose.
- . . . went to the goat's house lookin' for wool !
- (Promoting or bragging by . . .) standing on the tail of a mule wagon beating pans together.

### Poetry

1

That's right, that's right.  
It's Saturday night !  
The moon is bright,  
And I'm half tight !

~~He thought~~  
A city slicker named Lit  
Thought he farted,  
But really shit.

2

Put those dogs back in the barn  
and stop your silly grinin',  
I won't go huntin' with you, Jake,  
but we'll go chasin' women !

### It's obvious,

- but, often overlooked

- That's a truism !
- One never knows what one never knows.
- It is far better to have a drink on the rocks in a boat than to be in the drink in a boat on the rocks.
- No matter where you go, there you are.

## Hard Core Country

- Put on your shoes, we're goin' to town. ( ... or you're in town now.)
- Fish jumping' into the boat with tears in their eyes !
- Life is too short to hunt with an ugly gun.
- That's solid comfort, Jackson !
- How's the World of Easy Livin'? *→ in the land of milk & honey?*
- Hiding in the Tucker brush !
- (Kick . . . or You bet . . . ) your Yankee ass .
- . . . jumped on it like a duck on a June bug.
- Don't squat with your spurs on ...

## Fast !

- Got the top down, got overdrive on, headed down hill on Ethyl gas !
- . . . went through him / it like shit through a tin horn.
- . . . (something fast or extreme) like No Tomorrow.

## Miscellaneous

- As I live and breathe!
- Conjures up quite an image, doesn't it ?
- Life is uncertain, eat dessert first.
- It's got me in a damn hum.
- (So good he / it . . . ) can fix everything but your conscience.
- Eyes, big as two fried eggs.

- ... sitting up and taking nourishment.

- ... so short he has to paravand off a dime.

- I think I was normal once, not sure I liked it.



### What ?

Does any of this make sense ??

- Oh, my Lord on a flat bed Ford !
- You're so good to me since the baby came!
- That'll blow your skirt up!
- I upped my pledge. Up yours !
- Is there a ring of debris around Uranus?

## Women

- Who's best ? A good ol' big woman or a big ol' good woman ?
- Telling a woman to lose weight is pouring gasoline on a fire. *(Editor's Note - Especially, if it is Woody who is doing the telling.)*



- She knows me way too well!



## Promises

- I'm getting CRS, can't remember shit.
- I'll dance at your next wedding!
- I'll do a soft shoe that will knock your hat in the creek!
- Don't ~~get~~ me started!
- Like you local Undertaker, I will be the last to let you down.



## Summing Up

- When you've taken off the shucks and you're down to the cobb . . . .
- (means all over or comprehensive) ... from Genesis to Deuteronomy ...
- It's been real and it's been fun, but it wasn't real fun.
- I have enjoyed about as much of this as I can stand.

## A Damn Lie . . .

- I don't know what makes me like that. I wasn't like this until I started hanging out with you.

## **Glossary of Woody's Names**

### Those known to others as:

Ann  
Linda  
Lorrie  
Briana

Brother-in-Law,

Father-in-Law

'98 Dodge Truck  
'74 Chevrolet Truck  
Office

Grandfather  
Grandmother

### Woody calls:

Precious  
Poo  
Grunt  
Squeaky

Rambo

The Ol' Bull

The Black Max  
Ol' Blue  
Battle Station

Uncle Ben  
Aunt Nanny