

Annie Lennox

Quotes

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Ask yourself: Have you been kind today? Make kindness your daily modus operandi and change your world.

~Annie Lennox

The future hasn't happened yet and the past is gone. So I think the only moment we have is right here and now, and I try to make the best of those moments, the moments that I'm in.

~Annie Lennox

There are two kinds of artists left: those who endorse Pepsi and those who simply won't.

~Annie Lennox

I was brought up in a tenement house in a working district. We didn't even have a bathroom! We had a gaslight in the hallway and a black-and-white TV.

~Annie Lennox

This is the book I never read ~ These are the words I never said ~ This is the path I'll never tread ~ These are the dreams I'll dream instead

~Annie Lennox

I played with the image, because I think image is temporary. It's a projection. It's illusory.

~Annie Lennox

I love to be individual, to step beyond gender.

~Annie Lennox

You have to face things, have faith in what you do and go for it. Think, 'What's the worst that could happen?'

~Annie Lennox

A lot of music you might listen to is pretty vapid, it doesn't always deal

with our deeper issues. These are the things I'm interested in now, particularly at my age.

~Annie Lennox

Humankind seems to have an enormous capacity for savagery, for brutality, for lack of empathy, for lack of compassion.

~Annie Lennox

We're not interested to know the real heroes. We're really more interested in the villains, actually, and they seem to thrive, and it continues to be business as usual.

~Annie Lennox

I didn't want to be perceived as a girly girl on stage.

~Annie Lennox

I don't think feminism is about the exclusion of men but their inclusion... we must face and address those issues, especially to include younger men and boys.

~Annie Lennox

HIV/AIDS has no boundaries.

~Annie Lennox

When I was younger I wish I'd known that what often seemed to be the 'end of the world' often turned out to be a positive and transformative experience!

~Annie Lennox

Money is a good thing and it's obviously useful, but to work only for money or fame would never interest me.

~Annie Lennox

You become really ugly when you become very superficial and

self-obsessed.

~Annie Lennox

Fear paralyses you - fear of flying, fear of the future, fear of leaving a rubbish marriage, fear of public speaking, or whatever it is.

~Annie Lennox

Green is a label for a certain attitude to life, a certain kind of respect that one might have for the very source of things that we take for granted.

~Annie Lennox

The momentum of time is always going forward. You cannot repeat what has been done before. You can't go back.

~Annie Lennox

When you're that successful, things have a momentum, and at a certain point you can't really tell whether you have created the momentum or it's creating you.

~Annie Lennox

There must be an angel, Playing with my heart. And when I think that I'm alone, It seems there's more of us at home...

~Annie Lennox

I didn't want to be a Barbie doll. I didn't want to be a passive entertainer. It wasn't how I wanted to present myself.

~Annie Lennox

One realizes after a long time that, actually, we are contradictory, all of us.

~Annie Lennox

The dynamic between two individuals starts off with everything warm

and nice and fabulous and good. Working and living together can serve you quite well, but when it starts to go wrong - oh, boy!

~Annie Lennox

I don't want to be owned by a corporation and obliged to make a certain type of album. I want to be free.

~Annie Lennox

I think music is the most phenomenal platform for intellectual thought.

~Annie Lennox

Dying is easy, it's living that scares me to death.

~Annie Lennox

The worst thing someone gets is isolated. Isolation is the darkest part of any condition.

~Annie Lennox

I think Scotland could take a stand in a wonderful way, ecologically and morally and ethically.

~Annie Lennox

The general population still thinks HIV is something that came in the 80s and went away, or that it only affects the gay population or intravenous drug users.

~Annie Lennox

I will go out of my way to avoid the shopping crowds and the extreme consumerism - I hate all that.

~Annie Lennox

Fundamentally, we are all in the same place: we're born, we live, and we're going to die. In between, we'll have joy and we'll have sadness.

~Annie Lennox

For me, pointing and clicking my phone is absolutely fine. People say that isn't the art of photography but I don't agree.

~Annie Lennox

It's not fair to compare one artist to another because they all come with their own sort of elements to the picnic, you know.

~Annie Lennox

Each individual is as individual as their fingerprints, and I think that's extraordinary.

~Annie Lennox

I have always felt a little homeless. It's a strange thing.

~Annie Lennox

Success breeds the excitement to continue going.

~Annie Lennox

I find beauty in a very independent state. It lives quietly. It's there to be discovered.

~Annie Lennox

I want to branch out. I want to write. I write poetry. I want to see my children grow up well.

~Annie Lennox

I mean, I'm 48 years old and I've been through a lot in my life - you know, loss, whether it be death, illness, separation. I mean, the failed expectations... We all have dreams.

~Annie Lennox

I think people in Great Britain are a bit jaded sometimes.

~Annie Lennox

I think my daughters have a pretty healthy self-awareness but I can't speak on their behalf.

~Annie Lennox

I think that you can only be true to yourself. Nobody can live up to other people's expectations. You will always let them down. There will always be something they won't like about you.

~Annie Lennox

The inner world is very potent for me - I don't ascribe to any God or Jesus or Buddha - I just have a sense of it and revere it along with the natural world and human consciousness.

~Annie Lennox

We all come from women, and there's something extraordinary about the mothers who raised us.

~Annie Lennox

I also started writing songs because I had this burning activity in my heart and had to express myself.

~Annie Lennox

If one woman is suffering, then we are all suffering, and we need to put a voice to that.

~Annie Lennox

Fame for fame's sake is toxic - some people want that, with no boundaries. It's unhealthy.

~Annie Lennox

I think the whole experience of being a human being on the planet is such a mystery, to be honest. Trying to figure out one's purpose and [asking] "What is it all about?"

~Annie Lennox

There needs to be a shift in consciousness; there needs to be an absolute wake-up call before society can actually make the kind of incredibly significant changes that need to happen.

~Annie Lennox

Most women are dissatisfied with their appearance - it's the stuff that fuels the beauty and fashion industries.

~Annie Lennox

Why are we not valuing the word 'feminism' when there is so much work to be done in terms of empowerment and emancipation of women everywhere?

~Annie Lennox

I don't have clear-cut positions. I get baffled by things. I have viewpoints. Sometimes they change.

~Annie Lennox

Making a Christmas album is looked upon by some people as the thing you do when you are heading towards retirement.

~Annie Lennox

Women empowering other women. They get the psycho-social support. They become part of a community.

~Annie Lennox

Medicine comes with hope: the hope of having a healthy child, the hope of being able to raise your family.

~Annie Lennox

To be human is to have a whole spectrum of these experiences that arise within us.

~Annie Lennox

When you go to Africa, and you see children, they're usually barefoot, dirty and in rags, and they'd love to go to school.

~Annie Lennox

If people like your music, you can't guarantee they're going to love you.

~Annie Lennox

I enjoy multi-tasking, so I want to do a lot of different things. I want to keep all the plates spinning.

~Annie Lennox

I'm from a working-class background, and I've experienced that worry of not having a job next week because the unions are going on strike.

~Annie Lennox

Our ancestors are totally essential to our every waking moment, although most of us don't even have the faintest idea about their lives, their trials, their hardships or challenges.

~Annie Lennox

Women's issues have always been a part of my life. My goal is to bring the word 'feminism' back into the zeitgeist and reframe it.

~Annie Lennox

Such is the scale and depth of poverty in many parts of the world that it won't be ended overnight. That is why if, like me, you want to see an end to poverty, you need to be in it for the long haul.

~Annie Lennox

I'm a female but I have a masculine side and I'm not going to negate that part of myself.

~Annie Lennox

People ask me so many questions.

~Annie Lennox

I don't take myself as seriously as some people think, and I'd hate anyone to think I was preaching. That's the last thing I want.

~Annie Lennox

When you get to be nearly 60, you do take stock. You don't know what's around the corner.

~Annie Lennox

You know, I would say that songwriting is something about the expression of the heart, the intellect and the soul.

~Annie Lennox

I am fascinated by history and particularly the Victorian era.

~Annie Lennox

When women get together as a group, it is immensely powerful.

~Annie Lennox

If you come face to face with some really challenging situations and tragic circumstances - you are going in there with a purpose. You are not going in there as a tourist.

~Annie Lennox

I'm not living my life under the spotlight for anybody.

~Annie Lennox

We're all born, and if you're going to live to be elderly, you'll have gone through a life journey different than anyone else's. It's unique to you, but you'll have some common themes.

~Annie Lennox

Bulnerable without strength is vulnerable, and being vulnerable means

you can be victimized.

~Annie Lennox

We are not consistent. We have both these dark sides and some light as well.

~Annie Lennox

I'm very intrigued that in this culture of reality television and celebrity - which is an enormous industry and generates billions and billions of dollars - we're so resourceful.

~Annie Lennox

I wasn't trying to be a role model for anybody. I don't think that you can.

~Annie Lennox

Everything is illusory. You cannot label something and feel that that is the beginning, middle, and end of it.

~Annie Lennox

You have a bigger view, of something bigger than you, and you have to view that and take that in mind. At times you feel like despair rises up over hope, then other times you feel hopeful again.

~Annie Lennox

To try to help people have babies in a healthy way and to celebrate the process of delivering a child which will be healthy is, I think, almost the best part of healthcare.

~Annie Lennox

It's harder to get out of bed when you've failed.

~Annie Lennox

I used to be obsessed about how I presented myself. I didn't want other

people dressing me because I didn't want to be treated like a clothes horse.

~Annie Lennox

Men need to understand, and women too, what feminism is really about.

~Annie Lennox

Music is a great vehicle for communications, and I have a certain platform. I have an opportunity and I have to take it.

~Annie Lennox

We would like to see the virtual elimination of the transmission of [HIV] from mother to child by 2015. ... We believe it can be achieved with political will.

~Annie Lennox

I sang a lot as a little girl and entered competitions. I loved singing in choirs, but it was as I got older that I really found my voice.

~Annie Lennox

Pop stars are so busy having a career that they don't really have a lot of time for activism.

~Annie Lennox

There's a lot of women's organisations, but they're all working separately. If you get people together, as a collaborative voice, it's strong.

~Annie Lennox

There is a big difference between what I do onstage and what I do in my private life. I don't put my living room on magazine pages.

~Annie Lennox

Churches, depending on their policy, can do fantastic work with people in the community.

~Annie Lennox

Anita Roddick was amazing. Her presence in a room was full of light, and everything she worked to achieve still resonates now.

~Annie Lennox

Desire, despair, desire. So many monsters.

~Annie Lennox

Motherhood was the great equaliser for me; I started to identify with everybody.

~Annie Lennox

I'm not particularly attention-seeking.

~Annie Lennox

Every artist has to make their own statements and they have to live with them.

~Annie Lennox

The music industry has always been a beast, which would eat you up and spit you out.

~Annie Lennox

I was never much of a one to win prizes... and certainly never placed too much value on their acquisition.

~Annie Lennox

I watch 'Mad Men,' I knit scarves, I cook and am very, very normal. Honestly.

~Annie Lennox

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