

Barry Mann

Quotes

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No matter what you do, you'll never run away from you.

~Barry Mann

If I waited for inspiration every time I sat down to write a song I probably would be a plumber today.

~Barry Mann

It's very hard to teach someone how to write a song if to begin with there's no creative crop to harvest.

~Barry Mann

Cynthia's lyrics always expressed the feelings people felt but they couldn't express themselves.

~Barry Mann

It's amazing how a competitive nature can turn a negative into something positive.

~Barry Mann

I also used to work in the Catskill Mountains as a bus boy, and I performed in talent shows.

~Barry Mann

Probably most successful songwriters have an innate songwriting ability.

~Barry Mann

You can get stale writing with each other for a while.

~Barry Mann

A guitar riff played on a piano doesn't come close to the purity of it being played on a guitar but I faked it enough to get by.

~Barry Mann

You have to be very brave in that first writing session.

~Barry Mann

You have certain writing tools but generally creating something from nothing makes one quite mad and Cynthia and I are quite mad you know.

~Barry Mann

I know at the beginning of our careers, my wife and I were gut wrenchingly competitive.

~Barry Mann

Who put the bomp in the bomp-bomp-bomp-bomp-bomp, who put the ram in the rama-lama-ding-dong?

~Barry Mann

I think that most writers who wait until they're inspired to write are just waiting for the fear to subside.

~Barry Mann

You're going to have more rejection than acceptance.

~Barry Mann

We became the songs we wrote.

~Barry Mann

I've written songs sober and I've written songs high.

~Barry Mann

I quit college. I was studying architecture for about a year.

~Barry Mann

I get a different kind of lyric from someone else that might make me go in a different musical direction.

~Barry Mann

You've got to really be able to accept the rejection.

~Barry Mann

One other thing, if it's possible, as songwriters, you should also develop yourself as record producers.

~Barry Mann

I think if one wants to be in a continual state of insanity one should stay married to that writing partner.

~Barry Mann

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