

# Ben Folds Quotes

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I love you more than I have ever found a way to say to you.

~Ben Folds

I do think that when you make repeated mistakes, it's usually because you're just not coming to grips with something.

~Ben Folds

I'm older than I was, and I'm still washed-up, and I haven't changed my music one iota. It's just much easier to do this when people are being nice to you.

~Ben Folds

The cruelest lies are often told without a word The kindest truths are often spoken, never heard

~Ben Folds

The clock never stops, never stops, never waits. We're growing old. It's getting late.

~Ben Folds

And all I really want to say is you're the reason I want to stay.

~Ben Folds

Notes don't make music until you learn to insert silence between them.

~Ben Folds

I feel like a quote out of context, withholding the rest so I can be for you what you want to see.

~Ben Folds

A lot of 18-year-olds are like old men. They think they've seen everything.

~Ben Folds

Rock and roll is - and should be - a kid's place.

~Ben Folds

I'm aware that I'm very fringe, and it's nice that way.

~Ben Folds

Everybody knows it hurts to grow up...and we're still fighting it.

~Ben Folds

I do have that mindset - that most good art comes from some turmoil, from someone trying to come to some equilibrium, or come up and get a breath.

~Ben Folds

Everyone, when you're a teenager and you're growing up, you do feel like your life is dramatic enough to be on a TV screen, but we know that it's not.

~Ben Folds

Now that I have found someone, I'm feeling more alone... than I ever have before.

~Ben Folds

The way I see it, there's only one melody for any song.

~Ben Folds

Even though I live in America more, I feel like when I go to Adelaide, that's when I get to go home.

~Ben Folds

The reason I stop playing songs is usually because I get sick of them, and then they find themselves back into the set list at some point.

~Ben Folds

Im really good at writing almost hits.

~Ben Folds

I feel like a quote out of context.

~Ben Folds

You never know when you put out an album that's unique whether it'll get beat up for it or not.

~Ben Folds

People learn at the rate they are going to learn.

~Ben Folds

When someone really goes to tell you something about what they're thinking, they're going to wear that experience with them. That's what you have to share.

~Ben Folds

The press is like any business. Its a group of really intelligent individuals that ends up being one slathering, one-eyed, drooling monster.

~Ben Folds

The nature of honesty is that if someone has information or knows something about you that you don't want heard, then they have power over you.

~Ben Folds

My job is to be some sort of music/lyric psychic, to figure out that that's the right song to not fight the lyric.

~Ben Folds

What stupid f - king idiot gets married a second time if the first time didn't work out?

~Ben Folds

Why would I want to sound like Joni Mitchell? I've got Joni Mitchell records, and they're great, and I couldn't possibly be that good.

~Ben Folds

The music business is a weird business. Sometimes licensing doesn't happen because some business component that you never knew about stops it.

~Ben Folds

My parents told me I must get married. I was seen as a failure if I didn't do it.

~Ben Folds

If you're afraid they might discover your redneck past, there are a hundred ways to cover your redneck past.

~Ben Folds

If you can't draw a crowd, draw dicks on the wall

~Ben Folds

White people don't sing together very often, and when they do, it's about the celebrity of the song. The singing at my shows is all about harmony.

~Ben Folds

The nice thing about age is worrying less and less about what people think.

~Ben Folds

I've gotten to the point where I realize that I need to tell my truth in music and not walk around blabbing my mind.

~Ben Folds

There is still some art in pop music. But it can't happen if you're not inspired.

~Ben Folds

If I'm in a relationship and my girlfriend is sleeping with other people, I don't need to know who it is; I just want to know how she feels about it.

~Ben Folds

I'm not really a strange person or anything, so if there's music I like, usually there's other people who like it too.

~Ben Folds

The less I talk in bars, write emails, express myself in an emotionally lewd way outside of my songwriting, the more I have to do it through my music.

~Ben Folds

Off the coast and I'm headed nowhere

~Ben Folds

Being capable of anything is a bullshit concept, unless it means you also admit that you're capable of cheating, lying and killing.

~Ben Folds

Billy Joel and Joe Jackson were both great, and they both play piano.

~Ben Folds

Because I write very simply, but inside the simplicity, there's a lot of subtlety. That's what I'm proud of.

~Ben Folds

You can't really control how people hear stuff. It's hard to remember that. I have to let go of it.

~Ben Folds

I think people use temp music quite a bit, but the people who write the temp music don't ever really learn that their music was inspiring a movie.

~Ben Folds

I think a lot of good directors listen to music while they're working. The songs just don't become a part of the film. They're replaced.

~Ben Folds

It's like being in the position of - in half of the industry's mind, you're kind of a cult-following, independent rocker. And on the other hand, you're a sellout. But neither one of them are right.

~Ben Folds

I look to an out gay man or woman as pretty much what I would aspire to. The strength that it takes to do that and the floodgates that open and what they pay for it.

~Ben Folds

I drink a lot, probably too much. My scene while writing lyrics is always a bottle of scotch and stacks of note cards, pencil and pencil sharpener. I throw around note cards and drink.

~Ben Folds

I have manic energy. What can be done about it? I don't know what to say sometimes. I'm professional in public, but I like to stay inside and be a hermit.

~Ben Folds

I want people to listen to my lyrics and be okay with themselves. The people who have it the roughest are homosexuals who come out of the closet.

~Ben Folds

If the melody is telling me this is what the song is about, then I'm sort of forced into confession, autobiography or fantasy. If I don't do that, I've hamstrung the melody.

~Ben Folds

I'm romantically inclined. No human being on Earth is not attracted to other people. There is no fairy tale that they only have eyes for you. You just choose to act on it or not.

~Ben Folds



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