

Benjamin Clementine

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I'm not dismissing prostitutes, but a lot has changed. This so-called gentrification, it can never be stopped.

~Benjamin Clementine

I'm from a middle class family but my father squandered all the money, so I didn't really run around with rich people. I was very judgmental towards a lot of them.

~Benjamin Clementine

Some people will never be able to get their real self, but that's fine, because their fake self is also part of them.

~Benjamin Clementine

You can't judge people by their cover.

~Benjamin Clementine

We're all competent in different ways, we've just got to find a way to push ourselves up more.

~Benjamin Clementine

Obviously you live life for yourself and have your choice to believe what you want to believe in, but I know that the Bible can be used to appreciate life.

~Benjamin Clementine

Poetry itself is music. I'm just lucky that I can convert it into music.

~Benjamin Clementine

That's how I always try to start my thoughts. I write them down first, eventually it turns into a poem, and if I feel like composing something to it, then I do that.

~Benjamin Clementine

Happiness is overrated and money can't justify it.

~Benjamin Clementine

When I started singing about my life and what I was going through, I felt more confident. It was my own life, I was being myself, I was telling people what was happening.

~Benjamin Clementine

I know that New York is big, there are huge buildings, but in fact, it's quite small and contained.

~Benjamin Clementine

[My music] is opposite to fashion.

~Benjamin Clementine

When you look at the media and television, and all this Hollywood stuff, you just judge people.

~Benjamin Clementine

We have the real self and the false self, there's nothing wrong with them, and everyone has both of them.

~Benjamin Clementine

Even if someone thinks there's a mistake I've made on the piano, to me it's not a mistake; it's how it's meant to be.

~Benjamin Clementine

I've always been shy, but every time that I sing or I perform, when music comes out of me, it is the only thing I can relate to, it's the only thing I can give.

~Benjamin Clementine

In fact, I might be confident for the human race because of what the human race has given me. When I was in the street and bars, people always came up to me and said, "Don't stop, keep going."

~Benjamin Clementine

Confidence came from people. I think I'm very confident in me, as a human being.

~Benjamin Clementine

Composing was more difficult than writing things down.

~Benjamin Clementine

I wasn't quite used to writing a diary - I didn't understand why people did it - but I wrote down notes and they went into a poem.

~Benjamin Clementine

I loved English literature - if didn't it would have been hard - but I had to learn it myself. I remembered ways to repeat words, to put more emphasis on certain lines.

~Benjamin Clementine

I was lucky to have read a lot of poetry when I was younger; it helped me to remember a way to write.

~Benjamin Clementine

If you've got great parents, once you grow up and have to live by yourself, you're going to create some fake self as you get comfortable wherever you are.

~Benjamin Clementine

When you have a lot of fake selves, most of the time it's because you haven't had parents around so you try to build characters to protect yourself.

~Benjamin Clementine

There's a part in every person that has a fake self. We've had this since infancy due to our parents and our upbringing.

~Benjamin Clementine

William Blake is my favorite poet of all time, and he said that he wasn't quite familiar with the sounds of music. If so, he would have been a musician.

~Benjamin Clementine

People take things too literal in the Bible and it's totally wrong.

~Benjamin Clementine

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