

Beth Orton

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Heaven is what we spend our lives trying to find.

~Beth Orton

The upside to smoking is that you get to be social. I was looking for a light when I bumped into Ben Harper's manager. A couple of days later, Ben and I were in the studio.

~Beth Orton

I love the water more than anything. I'm not very good at sunbathing - I get really bored. I love swimming and I love being like a fish and getting in the sea and just - I don't know, it feels right.

~Beth Orton

We're all like little ants who scurry around with the materials that are at hand right now. Each generation finds new materials. Its just evolution, isn't it?

~Beth Orton

From the beginning, I wanted to make dance music with a human element to it.

~Beth Orton

Therapy is like telling your nightmares when you're a kid; they lose their power to hurt and control.

~Beth Orton

Norfolk is not on the way to anywhere, you don't stop off on the way somewhere else - it's an end in itself. You have to want to go there; it's an effort.

~Beth Orton

I get a feeling, on a guitar, and I sort of mess around until something resonates with me, and then I just find that what happens is that a melody comes, and with that, words.

~Beth Orton

You can have all sorts of relationships, but there's something with musicians working together where you can have relationship that can just continue to grow in a beautiful way.

~Beth Orton

I'd say my greatest fear is fear itself.

~Beth Orton

To me songwriting is more like redemption. I can extract the poison or the pollen, the essence from a situation and the rest becomes a husk that blows away.

~Beth Orton

The way I write, words can mean lots of different things.

~Beth Orton

When I was really young I used to collect frog spawn. I made a pond out of an old sink and I loved to spend hours watching the frogs grow.

~Beth Orton

My dad got me a chemistry book one Christmas and I burnt the garden shed down. I remember there was the most beautiful smell forever after in the remains.

~Beth Orton

At about the age of ten, my friends and I discovered the joys of sitting in graveyards drinking merrydown cider and kissing and stealing our elder siblings' records.

~Beth Orton

I want it to be more universal than that - like a painter doesn't have to explain his life story away to justify his painting.

~Beth Orton

Kissing was something I did a lot of. Kissing in a wheat field as the sun begins to set on a summer's evening, with the haze of that light.

~Beth Orton

I'm not comfortable holidaying in other people's poverty.

~Beth Orton

Even when I haven't had money, I found money to travel. It's a luxury that's a kind of necessity, I think.

~Beth Orton

My manager said the next best inspiration to heartbreak is travel, and it's true.

~Beth Orton

When I'm on a roll nothing makes me happier or feel more satisfied, like plugging in, life makes sense.

~Beth Orton

I don't read music; I taught myself guitar.

~Beth Orton

I have a friend who says the best boyfriends are ones with intimidating, good-looking older brothers. The boyfriends try harder because they're so insecure. Maybe I'm the female equivalent.

~Beth Orton

I was born on a pig farm in Norfolk. We grew up in the city called Norwich in Norfolk, then I moved to London when I was thirteen.

~Beth Orton

The husk could be some useless bloke or losing myself and changing

my DNA with bottomless grief.

~Beth Orton

When I first started writing, a friend said I should be careful because I'm letting people know how to reach right in and play with my workings. And they do!

~Beth Orton

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