

Bobby McFerrin

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The true musician is to bring light into people's hearts.

~Bobby McFerrin

In every life we have some trouble, but when you worry you make it double. Don't worry. Be happy.

~Bobby McFerrin

Here's a little song I wrote. You might want to sing it note for note. Don't worry, be happy.

~Bobby McFerrin

Sometimes mistakes are the best thing that can happen, because they might lift you...out of your complacency, and open your mind up to a whole other area that you wouldn't have gone to intentionally.

~Bobby McFerrin

To me, it's our job as artists. You must bring joy.

~Bobby McFerrin

Improvisation is the courage to move from one note to the next.

~Bobby McFerrin

When you worry your face will frown, that will bring everybody down, so don't worry BE HAPPY!:)

~Bobby McFerrin

Music is so powerful, it needs to be used for some kind of redeeming work. To lift peoples spirits, to lift their souls.

~Bobby McFerrin

Music is still part of my spiritual life. Sometimes I sing my prayers. When I get audiences singing, I hope I'm helping them feel connected to something beyond themselves.

~Bobby McFerrin

Part of our responsibility as parents, as adults, is to set examples for children. But we have to like children in order to be really happy fulfilled adults

~Bobby McFerrin

The audience is like my instrument. It's not just me up there, it's collaborative.

~Bobby McFerrin

If I can bring joy into the world, then I'll be successful.

~Bobby McFerrin

Whenever I'm onstage, I try my best not to think that I'm performing. It's simply another part of my day.

~Bobby McFerrin

To be a musician, you have to be honest... to be honest... to be honest.

~Bobby McFerrin

Musicians are the architects of heaven.

~Bobby McFerrin

I don't want anything to get in the way of me and my singing. I want my mind as clear as possible.

~Bobby McFerrin

I use the audience as my color palette, my instrument.

~Bobby McFerrin

Seriously though, my father was the first African American to sign a contract with the Metropolitan Opera so I grew up with classical music and jazz in the home all the time.

~Bobby McFerrin

When we're doing our lessons, the teacher doesn't say, 'Ready, set, work,' They say, 'Ready, set, play,' and I always took that word seriously.

~Bobby McFerrin

My father was a very disciplined singer who worked hard at his craft, and I was around that growing up.

~Bobby McFerrin

Miles Davis turned his back to the audience when he came out on stage, and he offended people. But, he wasn't there to entertain; he was all about the music. I kind of do that.

~Bobby McFerrin

I do a lot of performing, but don't get a chance to go to the studio and write good music.

~Bobby McFerrin

I want to write a book of poetry, as well as children's stories.

~Bobby McFerrin

I prepared five songs, I sang them, and he hired me. I started working about a month later at the piano bar.

~Bobby McFerrin

My biggest musical influences are probably my parents.

~Bobby McFerrin

I have a lot of albums yet to do.

~Bobby McFerrin

I grew up in a time when being a musician and learning to be a musician was actually very wonderful.

~Bobby McFerrin

But, if there's any aspect of my career that needs attention, it's writing.

~Bobby McFerrin

It's not that I don't love the song. My songs are like my children: some you want around and some you want to send off to college as soon as possible.

~Bobby McFerrin

Inviting audiences to open up and hear things differently is an important part of what I do. But I still love to sing songs with words, too.

~Bobby McFerrin

I played piano as a kid; I still play a little bit.

~Bobby McFerrin

I couldn't do anything without faith. I couldn't open up my eyes, I couldn't walk, I couldn't speak, I couldn't sing.

~Bobby McFerrin

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