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Separation penetrates the disappearing person like a pigment and steeps him in gentle radiance.

~Boy George

There's this illusion that homosexuals have sex and heterosexuals fall in love. That's completely untrue. Everybody wants to be loved.

~Boy George

The most political thing you can do is be yourself

~Boy George

I am what I am. There's nothing I can do about it.

~Boy George

The best thing you can do is work on your personality because we're all gonna get ugly.

~Boy George

I'm very uncomfortable with the idea of vaginas. They bother me in the way that spiders bother some people.

~Boy George

Karma chameleon: we come and go, we come and go.

~Boy George

I would rather have a cup of tea than sex.

~Boy George

After half an hour the drug hit me like a sensuous tidal wave. I turned into a tactile temptress and wanted to stroke the whole world. It gave me untold confidence.

~Boy George

Everything I think in life is about context and intention.

~Boy George

The ultimate goal is to be more satisfied. I really don't believe you get wiser because you get older. It's a choice, perhaps not to take some things so seriously

~Boy George

I'm not gay, and I'm not a transvestite.

~Boy George

Taboo was kind of celebrating trash, the kind of records you secretly loved, like Yes Sir, I Can Boogie, by Baccara [laughs] - things that you probably shouldn't like.

~Boy George

Drugs became an obsession, like Culture Club had been, like religion later became although I'm through with that now.

~Boy George

I don't get all this Speedo stuff actually, I mean, whatever happened to the feather boa?

~Boy George

Go home. Let me do my community service.

~Boy George

Sometimes indifference can be so erotic. I think the people who are most dismissive of you get the most of your attention.

~Boy George

Very few people can truly divorce themselves from what they feel emotionally and sexually.

I started going to Madame Louise's, the lesbian club where all the punk bands used to go - the Sex Pistols, the Clash. I remember seeing Billy Idol walk in there; he was gorgeous.

~Boy George

It's [Jail's] like being at school. Except you can't leave.

~Boy George

When you go onstage, you go on there to have a good time, and you smile and you engage with the audience and you invite them in.

~Boy George

Remember that I was out of the closet at the age of sixteen. My parents knew I was gay; I'd had to tell them.

~Boy George

Being in the Boy Scouts, you don't think about whether people are gay or straight. You're busy putting up tents and learning to cut sausages.

~Boy George

She's probably in denial that she's a great big ball of insecurity and I'm quite well aware that I am one.

~Boy George

Beethoven had a great look. It was very much about the drama of appearance.

~Boy George

I suppose there is a lot of toughness in me.

~Boy George

When I go onstage, I'm going to work ... I feel like my performance is about an emotional connection. I want to connect with people, whether it's like a romantic song or a happy song.

~Boy George

I just go in my back garden. It's the only place where people don't come and bother you.

~Boy George

I think people could be a bit friendlier. The only real contact you have with people is when they're annoyed if you've had a party - you know, it's been a bit too noisy for them or something.

~Boy George

Part of me looks at the gay movement now and worries that we're losing our individuality.

~Boy George

I'd got very successful, everyone knew who I was, but I felt very empty. ~Boy George

What's really sad is that a lot of very talented people are being forced to do things that are very embarrassing and I don't intend to be one of them.

~Boy George

The band never actually split up - we just stopped speaking to each other and went our own separate ways.

~Boy George

One door closes and another one opens.

~Boy George

I think for me one of the big things was realizing that being Boy George is my job. It's what I do.

Madonna is a "living, breathing cash register."

~Boy George

On Madonna: She's a gay man trapped in a woman's body.

~Boy George

The most significant New York club for me was Paradise Garage, where they played house music. This was around '84 or '85.

~Boy George

I'm being honest, I say what I think.

~Boy George

I have the best job in the world. There's not really a lot to moan or whine about. I've got the privilege of going out and doing something I absolutely love.

~Boy George

[Getting older is] experience but it's also changing your mindset.

~Boy George

For me, I've gotten better at that since I've gotten older. I never was good at that when I was younger.

~Boy George

You get the odd person [in social media] that will write something nasty and the trick is not to engage with them on any level.

~Boy George

In fact, he [George Michael] was loitering in public loos like some pre-war homosexual. It's one thing to keep quiet. It's another to pretend you're someone you're not.

Warren Street was at the high end of the New Romantic scene. They were mostly college art students and people who knew top designers.

~Boy George

I find that most people [in social media] just want me to say "happy birthday" to their mom or wish them good luck with their exams.

~Boy George

Certain punk bands were influential because I thought, If they can do that then I can .Hanging around those bands was how I started my first band - In Praise of Lemmings.

~Boy George

A lot of Donna Summer and things that maybe weren't trendy anymore or weren't hip in gay clubs but you'd hear them at Taboo.

~Boy George

I try to exist in a world where there is freedom of opinion, where you're allowed to make jokes. I don't want to live in some PC world where no-one's allowed to say anything.

~Boy George

I was unwelcome in the U.S. for four years.

~Boy George

I felt that making records in a traditional way - putting them out in the same way, wasting loads of money - was just a pointless exercise.

~Boy George

Sex has never been an obsession with me. It's just like eating a bag of crisps. Quite nice, but nothing marvellous.

~Boy George

Voting for New Labour is like helping an old lady across the road while

screaming 'Get a move on!' Even the Tories, who you could once rely on to be completely heartless are pretending to care.

~Boy George

In writing the autobiography, I can really chuckle when I look at the songs. I was acting out the part. I saw myself as a victim.

~Boy George

I've had to write in a different way because I'm not in a bad place and I'm not heartbroken, so there's no one I want revenge on.

~Boy George

Leigh [Bowery] would make up stories about people committing suicide or going on hunger strikes because they were refused entry at the door.

~Boy George

Leigh [Bowery] would create fake guest lists and put the most ridiculous names on them - Joan Collins, or really naff soap stars who would never grace the door of Taboo.

~Boy George

As a kid, I would've loved to get a tweet from David Bowie or Joan Rivers or Tom Cruise. It's great that you can communicate with people and it's instant.

~Boy George

I always feel that my whole life is representing the LGBT community. It's kind of what I do all the time.

~Boy George

A difficult crowd will always test your true ability.

I also tried to avoid doing obvious dance records.

~Boy George

I was really good friends with Matthew Ashman, the guitarist in Bow Wow Wow. He died, unfortunately. He was one of my best friends during my sort of punk period.

~Boy George

I'm not responsible enough to have a dog - or a child.

~Boy George

I'm much more careful now about who I let into my life, but I don't think you could ever change what you're attracted to. You can make choices if you want to be with those people.

~Boy George

Don't talk about things you don't like. Talk about music that you love, books that you've read. I put a lot of recipes online.

~Boy George

[Arnold Schwarzenegger] is funny. Some great one-liners, some great banter between him and the contestants [on "The Apprentice"]. And he's good!

~Boy George

I don't know whether when I was 20 years old or 25 years old if somebody would have come along with incredible wisdom whether I would have really listened.

~Boy George

I'm always tweeting about food and things that I've made.

~Boy George

You have to eat at a certain time and eat properly.

~Boy George

I exercise. I go to the gym every day. It's about respecting what you're doing. You're going on stage. You have to sleep. You have to be prepared.

~Boy George

For me, touring is about looking after myself.

~Boy George

I think being individual in the show business is what gives you life and longevity.

~Boy George

My God is better than your God

~Boy George

People say things about me all the time and I get over it. I've had some appalling things told about me.

~Boy George

I suppose all of those New Romantic clubs were quite up their own asses in a way. Well, Taboo was up its own ass in a different way, but not in terms of rules.

~Boy George

I was about 16 when punk started to happen... It felt like you had this naive idea that you could change things just by wearing something.

~Boy George

I absolutely admit I had him in the handcuffs so he wouldn't go anywhere while I checked the computer... I certainly wasn't going to kill him. That's hardly going to do my career any good, is it?

I'm always being inspired.

~Boy George

I think we grow into ourselves. And unfortunately we do it in the spotlight, so when we make mistakes, everybody knows about it.

~Boy George

Personality is a real aphrodisiac, when somebody is charming or funny. I think certain jobs attract certain types of people.

~Boy George

I can do anything. In GQ, I appeared as a man.

~Boy George

[Arnold Schwarzenegger] is really good at ['The New Celebrity Apprentice' show]. Totally different energy to our potential president, but he's cool.

~Boy George

Comparing Madonna with Marilyn Monroe is like comparing Raquel Welch with the back of a bus.

~Boy George

You have to watch what you eat.

~Boy George

I think these days, as an artist, you have to be slightly entrepreneurial. ... Nobody really sells records anymore.

~Boy George

Someone once said a cynic is just a disappointed romantic. That really, really sums me up.

Most of my influences are from the past.

~Boy George

I knew style and content went hand in hand.

~Boy George

You find out so many interesting things when you're not on drugs.

~Boy George

Leigh [Bowery] obviously loved having me in the club because I would attract media, and he loved and lived for his column inches.

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