

Bruce Cockburn

Quotes

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But nothing worth having comes without some kind of fight / Got to kick at the darkness 'til it bleeds daylight.

~Bruce Cockburn

When you know even for a moment That it's your time Then you can walk with the power Of a thousand generations

~Bruce Cockburn

One day you're waiting for the sky to fall, The next you're dazzled by the beauty of it all.

~Bruce Cockburn

Sometimes the best map will not guide you, you can't see what's round the bend. Sometimes the road leads through dark places, sometimes the darkness is your friend

~Bruce Cockburn

I'd always loved poetry and I'd always loved writing music and composing music, but I hadn't thought of putting the two together until around that time.

~Bruce Cockburn

Little round planet in a big universe, sometimes it looks blessed, sometimes it looks cursed. Depends what you look at obviously, but even more it depends on the way that you see.

~Bruce Cockburn

And I'm wondering where the lions are.

~Bruce Cockburn

The trouble with normal is it only gets worse.

~Bruce Cockburn

Beautiful rocks - beautiful grass Beautiful soil where they both combine

Beautiful river - covering sky
Never thought of possession, but all this was mine.

~Bruce Cockburn

Gotta kick at the darkness til it bleeds daylight.

~Bruce Cockburn

Resisting the powers that be, we are keeping things from getting worse than they otherwise might be. And that effort is very much worthwhile.

~Bruce Cockburn

Everybody wants to see justice done, to somebody else.

~Bruce Cockburn

Lord, spit on our eyes that we may see, how to wake up from this tragedy.

~Bruce Cockburn

Though chains be of gold, they are chains all the same.

~Bruce Cockburn

Some people never see the light
Till it shines thru bullet holes.

~Bruce Cockburn

I remember when the idea of living to be 40 seemed absurd.

~Bruce Cockburn

Male female slave or free; peaceful or disorderly; maybe you and he will not agree; but you need him to show you new ways to see.

~Bruce Cockburn

Water of life is gonna flow again/changed from the blood of heroes and knaves/
Word mercy's gonna have a new meaning/ when we are judged by the children of our slaves.

~Bruce Cockburn

Wave the flag, wave the Bible, wave your sex or your business degree, whatever you want, just don't wave that thing at me.

~Bruce Cockburn

I'm not a pacifist. I feel that there are situations where fighting is inescapable, but we don't go looking for those things.

~Bruce Cockburn

The trouble with normal is it always gets worse, fashionable fascism dominates the scene.

~Bruce Cockburn

Almost all the military personnel were wearing sunglasses. No Iraqis wear sunglasses. They really want to see your eyes. So immediately they can't trust the Americans.

~Bruce Cockburn

All these years of thinking, ending up like this: In front of all this beauty, understanding nothing.

~Bruce Cockburn

A sane person doesn't think war is a good idea.

~Bruce Cockburn

The invitation for artists to compete to see who can be the most charitable is a wonderful thing.

~Bruce Cockburn

Like a stone on the surface of a still river Driving the ripples on forever
Redemption rips through the surface of time In the cry of a tiny babe.

~Bruce Cockburn

I can't imagine my life any other way than it's been.

~Bruce Cockburn

I woke up one morning with this song in my head, and the opening line of the song: My name was Richard Nixon, only now I'm a girl.

~Bruce Cockburn

Since the early '80s, I've found myself in war zones in various parts of the world.

~Bruce Cockburn

There are some decision-makers in the world whose version of sanity is a little different from what I consider the right one.

~Bruce Cockburn

Sun's up, uh huh, looks okay - the world survives into another day, and I'm thinking about eternity. Some kind of ecstasy got a hold on me.

~Bruce Cockburn

Most of the time, our deeper, stronger feelings are things we all have in common.

~Bruce Cockburn

Abu Ghraib, as bad as it was, can't be compared to what Saddam was doing to people.

~Bruce Cockburn

My overall responsibility is to be truthful. If people pay money to come and see me, looking for something other than that, then they've made a mistake.

~Bruce Cockburn

There is no gap between art and politics.

~Bruce Cockburn

We all grow up with anger. It's part of the human condition. But what do you do with that? It seems obvious to me that you've got to use it for something, but you have to separate it from your ego.

~Bruce Cockburn

Once you tie anger and ego together then you're a monster, at least a latent one. So you have to be able to separate those things before you are going to be able to do anything useful with your anger.

~Bruce Cockburn

Anger is energy, and you've got to find a place to put it that works for you.

~Bruce Cockburn

There are so many people I love in the United States, and I've had such great adventures in this country and have been so well received by people here.

~Bruce Cockburn

The second half of the '60s really was a kind of learning period, in terms of writing, for me.

~Bruce Cockburn

Love the Lord and in him love me too. And in him, go your own way and I'll be right here with you.

~Bruce Cockburn

I wear my shadows where they're harder to see, but they follow me everywhere. I guess that should tell me I'm traveling toward light.

~Bruce Cockburn

In between effect and cause and just beyond the range of normal sight,

this glittering joker was dancing in the dragon's jaws.

~Bruce Cockburn

I wanted to play rock and roll when I started playing. Nobody at that time ever thought about songwriting. You sang songs, that's all. You sang other people's songs. That's all there were.

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