

Cass McCombs

Quotes

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It's hard to make out the difference between insults and bad advice.

~Cass McCombs

I think I prefer singing in falsetto. I like the way it sounds. It doesn't sound like my natural voice. It sounds like a character.

~Cass McCombs

Try to keep your mind. Try not to eat bad, try not to wake up with too bad of a hangover.

~Cass McCombs

Opinions only carry weight in the second or third person.

~Cass McCombs

I project love, music and love, and I pray for peace. A good song cuts straight to the heart; sometimes it doesn't need to be too many lines - of course, I do love a good story.

~Cass McCombs

That's what I mean by "Western morality," is the lack of morality. There is none. People are out for themselves, and they'll stab you in the back.

~Cass McCombs

I do like the word timeless. That's a great word.

~Cass McCombs

Usually there's no specific reason for loneliness - it's a broad feeling.

~Cass McCombs

It's just a joy to be able to work with a lot of different musicians. When you play with great musicians, whether they're schooled or self-taught, they keep you on your toes.

~Cass McCombs

I think I try to do a lot of things to weed out casual fans.

~Cass McCombs

I've always thought about myself as somewhat of a folk musician. I just write words.

~Cass McCombs

I don't think I'm even a musician. I don't play a lot of instruments, not really a soloist or anything.

~Cass McCombs

With death comes a choice. And death is a choice.

~Cass McCombs

All these biopics and biographies and people gossiping about so-and-so's drug abuse or who's sleeping with who, it's just a bunch of nonsense.

~Cass McCombs

Beggars can't be choosers. We don't have all the money in the world. So anyone who wants to be in the band and be broke - that's their own death wish.

~Cass McCombs

I don't like going to the studio. It just seems too cold. There's no crowd to react to, or share anything with; it's just talking into a microphone that's going into a computer.

~Cass McCombs

A lot of religious texts make for good reading. That's why they hold up.

~Cass McCombs

People take things a little too personal. I write these songs, and they're experiments with thoughts. That's it. I'm not a teacher.

~Cass McCombs

If it's possible to have an enemy without making it personal or moral, then that's what I'm trying to do.

~Cass McCombs

I've always been interested in an idea of boundless love - an impersonal, big love.

~Cass McCombs

Making music and art is about expressing something that's universally human, maybe even beyond human, at best.

~Cass McCombs

It's not my way to talk about my feelings. They're impudent to myself, so it wouldn't make any sense if I tried to explain them to anyone else. I've never been to therapy - not interested in it.

~Cass McCombs

You can't just explain a joke. Either it isn't funny, or the person just totally missed the punchline.

~Cass McCombs

When I was young, I used to go to Baha'i camp, and they taught me a lot about the equality of religions.

~Cass McCombs

I'm not trying to write for the masses. I don't care.

~Cass McCombs

When I'm trying to write a song for someone else, you can only see anything through your own eyes.

~Cass McCombs

As it turns out, it's really expensive to make movies, much more than records.

~Cass McCombs

I have been singing as long as I can remember. I used to be in choir; I used to do musical theater. I'd prefer not to sing my own songs, but there you have it.

~Cass McCombs

I hate my voice. I've never been comfortable singing.

~Cass McCombs

Loneliness is the most compelling force in the universe.

~Cass McCombs

Even if I'm writing music, it's with a lyric in mind, to communicate some kind of feeling.

~Cass McCombs

Lyrics are my racket; music is play - the fluff stuff.

~Cass McCombs

Musicians wake up and create a more loving community by creating heavier music.

~Cass McCombs

Music is the marriage of the feelings of the living to the wisdom of the dead.

~Cass McCombs

I don't think music is my job - I don't think about it that way, because I don't really get paid. There's no paycheck at the end; it's more of a 'whatever is left over' kind of situation.

~Cass McCombs

I write for myself, and I write for my friends and people who I have a connection with. I try to give some dignity to peoples' lifestyles that tend to be ignored.

~Cass McCombs

A baseball team is like a band. Because, conceptually, there are no heroes in baseball - there's just the team.

~Cass McCombs

People expect not just songwriters but all personalities to pontificate about their egos.

~Cass McCombs

People just wanna see someone talking about themselves constantly. I'm not interested in that.

~Cass McCombs

As long as there are a few people there, I can lose myself, which is the ultimate goal. And that's happening more and more; the non-musical world is becoming less and less interesting to me.

~Cass McCombs

This is rock'n'roll, not classical music. It's about people working together.

~Cass McCombs

It's the stupidest thing of all time, going on tour. It deteriorates the soul, but it's fun.

~Cass McCombs

I don't live anywhere, so that's what's fun about tours.

~Cass McCombs

When you're playing festivals, you only get a half-hour. It's like a meat

market. You don't get to be artistic. You don't get to play music. It's called a showcase for a reason.

~Cass McCombs

I don't think anyone knows anything and I don't trust people who say that they do. Don't give me a plan, give me action.

~Cass McCombs

I'm making music with my friends. It's fun. It should be fun. You shouldn't make music if it isn't fun.

~Cass McCombs

Everyone wants to be well-loved and appreciated but, at the same time, there are some people that just don't want to be your friend, and there's nothing you can do or say to change that.

~Cass McCombs

I couldn't write a political song. There's just opinion; it's all arbitrary anyway. It's all subjective.

~Cass McCombs

I just like writing lyrics. I find a little satisfaction in performing live, making records. But primarily, I just try to write every day.

~Cass McCombs

I grew up in the suburbs and was raised on rap radio, so it took me a long time to stumble upon the acoustic guitar as a resource for anything.

~Cass McCombs

Elvis Presley wore a Star of David and a cross around his neck and, when someone asked him about it, he said, "It makes me think." I love that quote. It's simple. It's beautiful. It's true.

~Cass McCombs

I think it's worthwhile to expand your comfort level and just do something awful. I wasn't trying to make music for money.

~Cass McCombs

I don't really write for an album. I just write songs whenever I feel like it, whenever they come to me. It's all a complete accident.

~Cass McCombs

I wouldn't go into the studio if I didn't have a band who's ready, willing, and able.

~Cass McCombs

Folk art has never been much about politics; it's about action and utility.

~Cass McCombs

I want to make something that's useful to someone, somewhere.

~Cass McCombs

Dead men always have the last laugh. They win. They're dead. You can't hurt their feelings anymore.

~Cass McCombs

I think I like singing when I'm singing live. It's just in the studio when it's a drag.

~Cass McCombs

It doesn't mean that I'm overly enthusiastic about much music. Except the people that really touch me. It has to touch me, it has to grab a hold of me, I'm not looking for anything in particular.

~Cass McCombs

I was just a folk singer. I cut my teeth on the streets, you know.

~Cass McCombs

Once biographical information contaminates your consciousness, it's impossible to erase it and look at someone's work the same way again.

~Cass McCombs

I don't think I'm a particularly somber human being.

~Cass McCombs

I don't care much about politics. That kind of witchcraft I stay away from because people end up dead. I'd rather die for music.

~Cass McCombs

I don't need to control anything. Even with romantic partnerships, I don't need to control anyone.

~Cass McCombs

I love songs because by nature they are concise; they sum up. I try to use as few words as possible. It's usually funnier that way, anyway.

~Cass McCombs

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