

# Colin Hay

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Mother, Ideas, Player, Jesus, Drinking, Sofas, Minutes, Listening, Shows*

There's a fine line between character building and soul destroying.

~Colin Hay

It strikes me there's a bunch of people in power who have really strong intentions of running the world and adjusting the world to exactly how they see it.

~Colin Hay

I'd love to have a hit record. I don't believe anyone that says they wouldn't like that.

~Colin Hay

In certain ways I still feel like I'm finding my way. I feel pretty comfortable playing acoustic guitar and singing, but then I feel pretty good sitting on a reggae groove as well.

~Colin Hay

I had a very erratic career. I got very famous for a minute and then it just all went away, you know?

~Colin Hay

It's frustrating to do albums that you think are worth listening to, but it's just so difficult to cut through.

~Colin Hay

I like to let the songs speak so that they can go through some kind of rebirth as you play them.

~Colin Hay

I do like writing songs in a band. When it's rock, it's such a different kind of dynamic, obviously.

~Colin Hay

I used to drink a lot. I had to stop drinking because it was getting the

better of me, and I replaced that with really doing shows.

~Colin Hay

Sometimes there's a general arc that you want to try and get better the longer you do something.

~Colin Hay

I just found over the years that it's very hard to change people's perception of what it is that you do.

~Colin Hay

I tried talking to Jesus, but he just put me on hold.

~Colin Hay

I feel pretty comfortable in a lot of different musical styles. I like rhythm, and I like melody and so forth.

~Colin Hay

You don't want to get worse at something.

~Colin Hay

I just want to be a better guitar player, really.

~Colin Hay

I play in a lot of empty rooms.

~Colin Hay

I like the process of writing songs. It makes me feel good.

~Colin Hay

I was brought up west southwest coast of Scotland and my mother and father had a music shop, and so I was surrounded by pianos and drums and guitars, and music, of course.

~Colin Hay

Most people remember me for a couple of tunes.

~Colin Hay

My mother features quite heavily in a lot of my songs.

~Colin Hay

In Scotland, beautiful as it is, it was always raining. Even when it wasn't raining, it was about to rain, or had just rained. It's a very angry sky.

~Colin Hay

I sit around and play acoustic guitar - usually acoustic, sometimes electric, occasionally piano, but more often guitar, just trying to come up with tunes. Ideas kind of pop into your head.

~Colin Hay

I love going up the West Coast of the U. S. because it's one of my favorite parts of the world to tour.

~Colin Hay

I find that, rather than the cities, I'm very lucky because the audiences that come and see me are very, generally speaking, truly kind, so I have a great time playing everywhere.

~Colin Hay

I tend to write, either myself, or I sometimes write with a co-writer, my friend that lives up the road. It's usually a relatively solitary thing, but I do like coming up with ideas.

~Colin Hay

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