

# Colin Meloy

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An old bandit adage: A bell is a cup until it is struck.

~Colin Meloy

It is better to live presently. By living thus, perhaps we can learn to understand the nature of this fragile coexistence we share with the world around us.

~Colin Meloy

As she walked, she breathed a quick benediction to the patron saint of sleuthing. "Nancy Drew," she whispered, "be with me now.

~Colin Meloy

You can't really come into a concept record objectively, because you immediately associate it with Yes, stuff from the 1970s that punk rock kicked against, the pretentiousness.

~Colin Meloy

When you get respect from the people who are buying your music and coming to your shows, there's an expectation that you have to live up to your own standards.

~Colin Meloy

I'd rather have a strong career, playing and selling records to a loyal audience, then having one record that exploded. That would be devastating.

~Colin Meloy

And I am a writer, writer of fictions I am the heart that you call home  
And I've written pages upon pages Trying to rid you from my bones.

~Colin Meloy

One thing about hanging out with a baby is that you can remember a little bit better what it was like to be a kid, and all the mystery that came along with it.

~Colin Meloy

Music has been already devalued by the consumer. There's an expectation that it should be free so the race to the bottom has already been won.

~Colin Meloy

There's some things there that you just have to draw the line. Some people are just not going to like it. We would hope that everybody would like it.

~Colin Meloy

I have a conflicted relationship with musicals, because I think the music itself can be so horrendous. It's an industry that relies on appealing to a mainstream culture in order to survive.

~Colin Meloy

It was a nice relief to be able to work on individual songs.

~Colin Meloy

I pretty much draw the line when people want you to do original music for commercials.

~Colin Meloy

All instruments sound fantastic in a church.

~Colin Meloy

No-one wants to hear anything spoken in earnest anymore, unless it happens to involve unrequited, teenage love.

~Colin Meloy

Living in war, and being a wartime band, I don't think there's any way that can't somehow influence the songwriting.

~Colin Meloy

I was in school for literature, and read so many 19th century and early 20th century novels that it was hard to break out of that and read an average Jeanette Winterson book or something.

~Colin Meloy

It's hard for us to talk about how we disdain file-sharing when in fact it probably has been a great resource for us.

~Colin Meloy

I don't feel like we're setting ourselves up to be exclusive. I don't want to set up an attitude where we're telling people 'You can't listen to our music if you don't have a college degree.'

~Colin Meloy

I wish I had a better range, but I really have a super-limited one. Barely a tenor, dips into baritone - that's about it.

~Colin Meloy

Pop music has always adopted the style of marrying upbeat melodies to dour lyrics.

~Colin Meloy

I think the music should definitely underscore the sentiment of the song, and it can work for or against it.

~Colin Meloy

I like all sorts of things, not necessarily just Victorian. Even though I tend to read a lot of Victorian novels, I like a lot of contemporary stuff.

~Colin Meloy

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