

Conor Oberst Quotes

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My head's a carousel of pictures and The spinning never stops.

~Conor Oberst

I really just want to be warm yellow light that pours over everyone I love.

~Conor Oberst

I find that life is easier when it is just a blur With no details to confuse who or what or where I was So when the ending comes the full regret will be obscure

~Conor Oberst

I think there's so much about Rasta culture that's interesting. Just the idea of preaching one-ness, that we're all in this together.

~Conor Oberst

Now I believe that lovers should be draped in flowers and laid entwined together on a bed of clover and left there to sleep, left there to dream of their happiness.

~Conor Oberst

It's not a movie, no private screening This method acting, well, I call that living

~Conor Oberst

I drink to stay warm, and to kill selected memories

~Conor Oberst

I like to feel the burn of the audience's eyes when I'm whispering all my darkest secrets into the microphone.

~Conor Oberst

If the world could remain within a frame like a painting on the wall, I think we'd see the beauty then and stand staring in awe.

~Conor Oberst

You should never be embarrassed by your trouble with living, because it's the ones with the sorest throats who have done the most singing.

~Conor Oberst

I've cried, and you'd think I'd be better for it, but the sadness just sleeps, and it stays in my spine the rest of my life.

~Conor Oberst

I like the Alice in Wonderland sculpture in Central Park. I love how it's been rained on forever and looks worn down by time.

~Conor Oberst

I want to be enriched by the music I listen to. That's the reason it never really exists in the mainstream. Because that's not what most people are after.

~Conor Oberst

Love's an excuse to get hurt.

~Conor Oberst

Men with purple hearts carry silver guns and they will kill a man for what his father has done. But what my father did, I don't live it: no, I am not him.

~Conor Oberst

In a coma, you don't dream, you just hope that someone sits with you.

~Conor Oberst

So when your new eyes meet mine they won't see no lies, just love.

~Conor Oberst

Pronouns really don't matter in a song - 'I' or 'he' or 'she' or even

subscribing a lyric to an inanimate object.

~Conor Oberst

We've all seen the power music has to spread messages of solidarity and hope.

~Conor Oberst

And in the morning when the sun rise. Look in the water, see the blue sky. As if heaven has been laid there at our feet.

~Conor Oberst

When everything is lonely I can be my best friend.

~Conor Oberst

We might die from medication but we sure killed all the pain

~Conor Oberst

I understand why people get desensitized and roll their eyes when they hear a protest song, or even a politician making some flowery speech. It doesn't really change anything.

~Conor Oberst

When you write a song, the goal is not to convey the details of your life. You should write a memoir or something if that's what you're going to do.

~Conor Oberst

They say it's better to bury your sadness in a graveyard or garden that waits for the spring to wake from its sleep and burst into green.

~Conor Oberst

One of my favorite modern American authors is Denis Johnson. I'm deeply inspired by all of his work - I rip him off constantly.

~Conor Oberst

And your eyes must do some raining if you're ever gonna grow / When crying don't help, you can't compose yourself / It's best to compose a poem, an honest verse of longing / Or a simple song of hope.

~Conor Oberst

They say they don't know when but a day is gonna come. When there won't be a moon and there won't be a sun. It will just go black. It will just go back to the way it was before.

~Conor Oberst

Hip-hop music has done a very good job of maintaining the political context, where they stand and not giving a sh-t what people think.

~Conor Oberst

If you love something, give it away...

~Conor Oberst

I do think that music has a special ability to get behind enemy lines and win hearts and minds.

~Conor Oberst

A boycott is, inherently, a blunt instrument. It is an imperfect weapon, a carpet bomb, when all involved would prefer a surgical strike.

~Conor Oberst

Some days I feel like I'm an atheist. Most days, I feel like an agnostic. On a very rare day, I feel like I'm a believer in something.

~Conor Oberst

The Bible's blind, the Torah's deaf, the Qur'an is mute; if you burned them all together you'd get close to the truth.

~Conor Oberst

We must memorize nine numbers and deny we have a soul.

~Conor Oberst

I believe that vinyl will outlast CDs.

~Conor Oberst

The worst thing you can do as an artist is to repeat yourself.

~Conor Oberst

Cause I swear that I'm dying, slowly but its happening.

~Conor Oberst

Life is always surprising to me. When you think it's going to get dull, it never really does.

~Conor Oberst

Although Omaha is my birthplace and the place I grew up, I don't see myself spending extended amounts of time there. I feel almost more comfortable and more at peace in New York.

~Conor Oberst

I kind of go in waves with reading. Sometimes I read all the time, and sometimes I can't get settled enough to focus.

~Conor Oberst

Sometimes I daydream about having a farm and a wife and some babies and watching the grass grow, but you have to meet the right person for that.

~Conor Oberst

And me I'm in my bedroom drawing in my notebook Because my hand thinks I'm an artist But my heart knows I'm a poet It's just words they mean so little to me.

~Conor Oberst

I'm not the most technically savvy person in the world. Like, I'm not good at troubleshooting when stuff happens to my digital music.

~Conor Oberst

The sound of loneliness makes me happier.

~Conor Oberst

When you look at what people consider success in the music industry, it's just terrible music.

~Conor Oberst

As long as I can buy records and books and maybe some clothes, I'm pretty stoked. I don't need a yacht or anything.

~Conor Oberst

When people have real faith in something, it's fascinating to me. And the fact that so many people, in surveys, so many people say they do. It kind of blows my mind.

~Conor Oberst

Because the truth is that gossip is as good as gospel in this town. You can save face but you won't ever save your soul. And that's a fact.

~Conor Oberst

And I sing and sing of awful things
The pleasure that my sadness brings.

~Conor Oberst

And me I'm in the bathroom crying out my eyelids because it's hard to be a man when you're scared, just like a little kid.

~Conor Oberst

It seems like everything I do musically I tend to lose a few fans and gain a few fans, and it all kind of evens out.

~Conor Oberst

i keep drinking the ink from my pen and i'm balancing history books up on my head but it all boils down to one quotable phrase if you love something give it away

~Conor Oberst

I need some meaning I can memorize. The kind I have always seems to slip my mind.

~Conor Oberst

I think it is more like a ghost that has been following us both. Something vague that we're not seeing, something more like a feeling.

~Conor Oberst

I think our music is more about seeing ourselves in each other and trying to find a more humanistic viewpoint for the world.

~Conor Oberst

There's a very fine line between one person's reality and another person's fantasy.

~Conor Oberst

Everything that happens is supposed to be And it's all pre-determined, can't change your destiny Guess I'll just keep moving, someday maybe I'll get to where I'm going

~Conor Oberst

If I could act like This was my real life, And not some cage where I've been placed, Well then, I could tell you The truth like I used to And not be afraid of sounding fake.

~Conor Oberst

Music becomes very personal. When you marry a message you want to

send out into the world with good music, all of a sudden you have a very potent way of delivering your message.

~Conor Oberst

Desaparecidos try to be the opposite of apathetic. There are so many young people in America that are apathetic.

~Conor Oberst

we made love on the living room floor with the noise in the background of a televised war and in that deafening pleasure i thought i heard someone say if we walk away they'll walk away

~Conor Oberst

My feeling is that I think writers in general tend to be self-conscious and it takes a bit of a leap of faith or just not giving a sh-t to write something you know people are going to criticize.

~Conor Oberst

I think there's a danger, for me at least, in retreating and going inward and depression. I have to stay diligent against that tendency.

~Conor Oberst

I'm kind of like, "never say never."

~Conor Oberst

If I loved you, well that's my fault

~Conor Oberst

I'm ripe for the picking for the Scientologists - one of those creeps. Someone's got to find me. Some little weird cult can just pluck me up, because I'm ripe for the picking.

~Conor Oberst

The drunk kids, the catholics They're all about the same They're waiting

for something Hoping to be saved

~Conor Oberst

I love story songs. It's just, for me, they're harder to write, and sometimes they sound too intended or something.

~Conor Oberst

I'd rather be working for a paycheck, than waiting to win the lottery. Besides, maybe this time it's different, I mean, I really think you like me.

~Conor Oberst

Rock and roll seems to have had a mellowing in the business where it got harder to sell individual records and make money doing that.

~Conor Oberst

We, the Desaparecidos, are perfectly prepared for people to hate what we're saying or not like what we're saying.

~Conor Oberst

I think that hip-hop is more of an individual effort. That means you're an artist from the streets, they expect you to rap about the streets, because that's what happens there.

~Conor Oberst

Our band is different in the sense that we all are involved with a lot of different projects. It's hard to say when we'll record again, but we're not calling it quits right away.

~Conor Oberst

I think there's a weird self-affirmation thing that happens in popular music in general. It seems like every song I hear on the radio is like, "Listen to me roar!" or "This is my fight song!"

~Conor Oberst

Popular music is all about traveling at the speed of you and elevating the individual as the highest thing in the world.

~Conor Oberst

Each Desaparecidos's song has a seed that it came from. We're trying to take that and broaden it out and make it resonate with people.

~Conor Oberst

It's hard to get people to focus on one idea.

~Conor Oberst

I believe that vinyl will outlast CDs. There's no reason for it, but it stays around because there are still people that want them.

~Conor Oberst

I think different musical collaborators bring out different qualities in my songs and I like that.

~Conor Oberst

If there's ever a kid out there that can't afford to buy the music, I still want them to hear it, and hopefully they'll go to the show, or buy a T-shirt from the band. That's the idea.

~Conor Oberst

I've given up trying to understand what people think about me.

~Conor Oberst

I've been part of running a label since I was a kid, so I understand how it works. But the more and more I learn about it, the less and less interested I am in it.

~Conor Oberst

I swear that I'm dying slowly but it's happening, and if the perfect spring is waiting somewhere... just take me there.

~Conor Oberst

The world's become a little too mean.

~Conor Oberst

One by one I drowned all the people I'd been.

~Conor Oberst

You could be happy, the minute you try. Why won't you try? Oh won't you try?

~Conor Oberst

It's dangerous to buy into praise and criticism for what you do when you're trying to present your music to people. I don't ignore it completely, but I don't dwell on it too much.

~Conor Oberst

For a song I was bought Now I lie when I talk With a careful eye on the cue card. Onto a stage I was pushed, With my sorrow well rehearsed. So give me all your pity and your money, now (all of it).

~Conor Oberst

Love's an excuse to get hurt and to hurt. Do you like to hurt? I do, I do then hurt me.

~Conor Oberst

A lot of the mythology that sprung up around Haile Selassie, it's not like something he asked for, having people deify him. That's pretty heavy. I don't know what you do in that situation.

~Conor Oberst

The only thing major labels can really offer is money.

~Conor Oberst

The way my life's structured, I don't stay in a place for more than a couple months.

~Conor Oberst

I went right from wunderkind to washed up. Old. Been around too long. That's just the way I feel. That's my internal dialogue.

~Conor Oberst

I have a car in Nebraska. When I bought it, they gave me a satellite radio, and there's an 'indie-rock' station. It's just nothing I'm interested in.

~Conor Oberst

Screaming is bad for the voice, but it's good for the heart.

~Conor Oberst

I find that moving keeps me optimistic, the idea of what's going to be down the road a bit or around the next bend.

~Conor Oberst

Let the poets cry themselves to sleep, and all their tearful words will turn back into steam.

~Conor Oberst

There's all body types, but there's just one size.

~Conor Oberst

Why are you scared to dream of god when it's salvation that you want?

~Conor Oberst

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