

# David Crosby

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There are a lot of people who look great but can't sing.

~David Crosby

I am having so much fun performing, I feel almost guilty. I think, my God, I hope no one comes and busts me for this.

~David Crosby

Don't waste the time. Time is the final currency, man. Not money, not power - it's time.

~David Crosby

I think ideas are still the most powerful things on the planet, and music is a great way to transmit them.

~David Crosby

I don't think being angry is useful or healthy, and usually when I get angry, my brain just goes right out the window. Boom, as soon as the adrenaline hits, instant stupid. Just add water and mix.

~David Crosby

I'm not givin' in an inch to fear.

~David Crosby

It's hard to bullshit the ocean. It's not listening, you know what I mean.

~David Crosby

"It can't happen here" is number one on the list of famous last words.

~David Crosby

Largely I write from life. ... I write from what happens to me. Mostly about love. People notice the other stuff more but I write mostly about love.

~David Crosby

I want to go to Africa and find a really great hotel with good food right above a water hole where I can sit, have breakfast, and just watch the elephants play in the water.

~David Crosby

I believe in this country [the USA], I love this country, I believe in the idea of this country, and this country is an idea.

~David Crosby

While I was an addict, I didn't write anything. I didn't have the attention span or the will.

~David Crosby

I write very sporadically. I write sometimes three things in a week and then nothing for a year. I make a space for it but I don't push it. They just come and they come.

~David Crosby

Sailing became one of the mainstreams of my life. I suppose my father was an influence. I remember seeing a photo of him at home sailing a big boat to Bermuda in his 20s. I still have it.

~David Crosby

Now record companies are run by lawyers and accountants. The shift from the one to the other was definitely related to when the takes started to get big.

~David Crosby

Chestnut brown canary, ruby throated sparrow, sing a song, don't be long, thrill me to the marrow.

~David Crosby

I think music is a lifting force, I think love is the lifting force in the human condition. I think you see someone loving on their child, and it moves

you, and you can't help it.

~David Crosby

[Calling you a] star is just a trick. It's like a straw man thing. They [people] set you up just to knock you over. It's bull. You avoid it, I avoid it.

~David Crosby

The people who run record companies now wouldn't know a song if it flew up their nose and died. They haven't a clue, and they don't care. You tell them that, and they go, Yeah? So, your point is?

~David Crosby

I don't like greed, I don't like ignorance. I really don't like anger. But I love love.

~David Crosby

All wars would end immediately if the various chiefs of state dropped a little LSD.

~David Crosby

The easiest way to get laid by a girl, or get rid of her, is to write a song about her.

~David Crosby

Neil Young played Helpless, and by the time he finished, we were asking him if we could join his band

~David Crosby

There has never been a communism that worked. They were all dictatorships or oligarchies, every single one.

~David Crosby

When did I decide to go into business? Well, it wasn't a business, when

I decided. It was simply a need to sing.

~David Crosby

Sometimes the entire thing comes out in one burst. Sometimes you hack away at a thing for years before you get something that satisfies you.

~David Crosby

Jimi Hendrix could play better than our best guys and he did it while he was dancing while being completely outrageous.

~David Crosby

The stupid thing I incorrectly believed for a long time is that I believed for a long time that some politicians could sometimes tell the truth.

~David Crosby

Right away I thought I'd been hit by a hand grenade ... her (Joni Mitchells') voice, those words ... she nailed me to the back wall with two-inch spikes... I promptly fell in love with her...

~David Crosby

After all the time we [people] spent saying look, war is a stupid way to solve stuff - oh, you're not trying to solve stuff. You're trying to make money.

~David Crosby

Elections aren't supposed to be for sale... it's that simple.

~David Crosby

Generally we don't really consciously do it as a purpose-driven thing. ... It's really just a response to life.

~David Crosby

I produced her first album, and I was breaking up with her at the time.

That was not comfortable. Falling in love with Joni Mitchell is a bit like falling into a cement mixer!

~David Crosby

I can't legislate a song into being, it just will not happen for me.

~David Crosby

The movie I've seen the most times, boy, that's a tough one. It would have to be a toss-up between Apocalypse Now and the first Star Wars. I think the first Star Wars.

~David Crosby

I do like to smoke pot. I think it's good.

~David Crosby

CSNY is a little like putting seven pounds of stuff in a three pound bag.

~David Crosby

My songs emerge from my life, or wherever they do, unbidden and unplanned and completely on a schedule of their own.

~David Crosby

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