

David First Quotes

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The numerous ecstatic traditions - including free jazz and funk - have all been great inspirations.

~David First

However naïve it sounds, or however inept the result, I think the idea is to try to alchemize the crap, not just mirror it all.

~David First

We [Notekillers] are in no way super-earnest about what we do and if you see us live, you see we are cracking up during songs and saying pretty ridiculous things in-between. We're having fun.

~David First

Possibly the only thing we Notekillers place on a higher pedestal than music is laughs, so, of course, we also know that the idea of the title is a kind of humorous futility.

~David First

We [Notekillers] aren't necessarily trying to be role models, but if we are, that's cool.

~David First

I like to give clues - titles - that can give a simple, evocative hook into what picture or feeling welled up in my mind when I came up with the song.

~David First

I do think I've learned, in the ensuing years, how to be a more effective bandleader. And maybe, just maybe, we're a little better on our instruments.

~David First

My personal definition of rock'n'roll is people attempting to do something that's beyond their ability to do it well. And whatever the

outward contradictions, I do call us a rock'n'roll band.

~David First

Each song is like starting over. Because somehow, no song's formula works for another. And that's the beauty of it all. Each song's destiny is embedded in its DNA. And our job is to reveal it.

~David First

I still have my "Anarchy in the UK" 7" [Sex Pistols single]. I'm sure it gave us a context to think about as well as a kind of kick in the ass. But we had all been playing for years at that point.

~David First

Inevitably, as much as we loved punk rock, our noise was coming from a slightly different place.

~David First

To me, everything in the world comes down to two categories: "about-ness" and "is-ness". "About" represents or describes something, while "Is" is the thing itself.

~David First

Back in the day, I came up with the expression "Same Animal - Different Cages" to describe our songs. I suppose over the years I've just broadened the meaning of that.

~David First

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