

Emily Haines

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It bothers me that no one has the patience to deal with someone who is just sad.

~Emily Haines

I think if I were living in a utopian world, then it wouldn't be political commentary; it would be about daffodils.

~Emily Haines

It's a strange life... you really don't know how you will impact people or how things will play out.

~Emily Haines

Generally I try to read anything but indie rock journalism or anything about music at all, especially in the summer.

~Emily Haines

Being alive and understanding that and making the decision to actually live take a lot of courage.

~Emily Haines

Sometimes it's better to live through someone's work than the person themselves, and to realise that every human being is flawed, but through art they can be perfect.

~Emily Haines

I just write what comes to me. I didn't sit down and say ok, here is my statement. It's just a song that has a shout out.

~Emily Haines

It's not my fault that people are perverts.

~Emily Haines

The writing process is very much like being in a dark tunnel, and you don't really know what you will end up with until you have created it.

~Emily Haines

Until the day we die, our lives are unwritten, which is sometimes a terrifying thought.

~Emily Haines

[When] you're a writer, you know that a lot of times you have to sneak up on yourself in order to achieve what you want to achieve, and sometimes you don't even know what it is until you've done it.

~Emily Haines

Lots of people take the option of not activating their own life, of really letting it happen.

~Emily Haines

Life is passing you by as you speak, you're on a path and you're all on the same path toward death.

~Emily Haines

It's very hard to separate what is a conscious decision and what's not.

~Emily Haines

For as long as I can remember, I have written songs because I wanted to, because I was experiencing something that couldn't be described except through a sound.

~Emily Haines

I try not to focus on the gender issue too much but I think you have to acknowledge it in order for it to go away.

~Emily Haines

There are lots of people in the world whose existence doesn't revolve around American culture.

~Emily Haines

I think more like Charlie Chaplin than like Jennifer Anniston.

~Emily Haines

That's the main work that I've done in my life - really wanting to get past that gender trap where there's a certain nudity in poetry. It's not about showing my soul, it's about observations.

~Emily Haines

But its crazy - like ten percent a year increase of children taking fucking anti-depressants. Pre-schoolers are like, the most prescribed. That makes me so mad!

~Emily Haines

I really love traveling, I love playing.

~Emily Haines

We don't have T-shirts with my face, but there I can see the beginnings, especially young girls seeing me as sort of a icon in that way. And in that regard I'm more than happy to step in.

~Emily Haines

In my imaginary utopian world there would be a greater allegiance between music writers and musicians.

~Emily Haines

I like the idea of interviews where you just talk about stuff instead of where it's my chance to talk to my public through something else.

~Emily Haines

I do like touring but my life sort of starts to fall apart under it after a certain point. So you just have to stop. And it's hard to.

~Emily Haines

[When I happen to] read interviews where people are such pros and

they come out looking so good, [it comes off as] a little smug or something.

~Emily Haines

I'm a chick for sure.

~Emily Haines

I have an identity crisis which is not resolved because I'm a dual citizen. My whole family is American, and I was born in India but I was raised in Canada.

~Emily Haines

Of course there are influences, of course there are things that are inspiring, but it's weird to think that I'm trying to keep a mental inventory of them and report them clearly to whomever might ask.

~Emily Haines

I see how 14-year old girls react to me and I think I'm a good role model. Rockstar maybe not, but I'm willing to play with it for a little while, until my hair gets gray.

~Emily Haines

You don't want to be conscious of everything.

~Emily Haines

The things that I've seen where people are trying to change the definition of what a band has to be, those are the things that end up being inspiring.

~Emily Haines

Oftentimes the most produced and synth-tastic songs are the ones that end up sounding the best acoustic.

~Emily Haines

The architecture of the song, if it's built properly, can withstand all kinds of things.

~Emily Haines

This is the thing I've noticed is that the greater the distance between you and any ordinary task is the measurement of how much rockstar potential you have.

~Emily Haines

I think a sexual energy is a positive energy.

~Emily Haines

Believe in the power of songs.

~Emily Haines

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