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Hands up if you're ready to do something you'll regret this weekend. Go forth! You have my blessing.

~Florence Welch

I think I should get a bigger between-the-song persona, so then I'm not wandering around the stage like some mad old auntie that's saying hello to people and falling over.

~Florence Welch

I like a house party and fancy dress, a big fan of fancy dress, like dress up, costume parties.

~Florence Welch

When I'm singing I'm always trying to get to the highest point possible. I'd fly to the top of Buckingham Palace to sing to the queen.

~Florence Welch

I try to maintain a healthy dose of daydreaming, to remain sane.

~Florence Welch

Having a soul, they say, is like taking sadness and turning it into something beautiful.

~Florence Welch

If you do something with your whole heart and it's a mistake, you can live with that.

~Florence Welch

I like the idea of not being afraid of letting your imagination rule you, to feel the freedom of expression, to let creativity be your overwhelming drive rather than other things.

~Florence Welch

Sometimes I find that music is so much more attractive than love. I

don't know… It's like some kind of euphoria, that love can't bring to you.

~Florence Welch

You should have high expectations for yourself and others should come second.

~Florence Welch

For me, â€~Dog Days' symbolizes apocalyptic euphoria, chaotic freedom and running really, really fast with your eyes closed.

~Florence Welch

Love is horrible. I mean, when you're in love, it's like a sickness. Such madness.

~Florence Welch

Worst nightmares can also appear with your eyes open.

~Florence Welch

Music to me is so internal. It's physical and it's emotional. Whereas fashion is so much about the external that it's almost like a break. It's not inner turmoil. It's total escapism.

~Florence Welch

A lot of the songs on the new album are about imaginary things, things that you can't touch - ghosts and rumors, my dead grandmother, things visiting you in a dream.

~Florence Welch

I tend to lose myself in the moment. I'm not very good at holding back. I don't know how to do this without feeling everything. My emotions are the tool I use to perform.

~Florence Welch

I definitely have a real self-destructive streak.

~Florence Welch

I get in fights with my sister all the time. She comes on the road with me and we fight - like sisters do.

~Florence Welch

It's always darkness before the dawn.

~Florence Welch

I spent my 16th birthday high as a kite, jumping out of a tree topless in my local park just because it felt amazing hitting the ground.

~Florence Welch

I think music should be scary. Music is an exorcism.

~Florence Welch

I'm pretty obsessed with Stevie Nicks from her style to her voice. I like watching her on YouTube and her old performances, the way she moves and everything.

~Florence Welch

My style of playing is more enthusiasm and instinct than skill.

~Florence Welch

I'm down to bleach my eyebrows again. I tell you what, though - that didn't go down well with my boyfriend. Girls love it. Guys, not so into it.

~Florence Welch

I think I just have a problem generally in life of wanting more of everything - more emotion, more drama, more glitz.

~Florence Welch

I feel things in quite an intense way. I'm not actually the most intense

person.

~Florence Welch

I can't just have one painting - I need to cover the wall in paintings. It's the same with my music. I want to mix everything together to create more.

~Florence Welch

I was always that girl growing up who you could find dancing down supermarket aisles. It's that sense of not feeling inhibited. Dancing in supermarkets is my favorite thing.

~Florence Welch

You live and you learn.

~Florence Welch

It's good to be vulnerable in amongst the grandeur; you shouldn't lose that sense of intimacy and vulnerability with people.

~Florence Welch

The stage is the place I feel comfortable - it's almost as if real life is where I feel most nervous. Conversations are a lot more nerve-wracking.

~Florence Welch

I've built my wardrobe color palette around red, so I'm happy with it, but I do get pangs when I see beautiful brunettes. I've already been blue, green, black, and blonde.

~Florence Welch

Maybe in music you're making an auditory environment and maybe you change your environment around you to suit your own way.

~Florence Welch

I didn't want to become a personality, I wanted to be a musician, but because I didn't have an album to stand by yet it was hard for people to see that. But now, two albums in, I'm happy with things.

~Florence Welch

I want people to get hit and caught by my music.

~Florence Welch

I don't want your future, I don't need your past. One bright moment Is all I ask.

~Florence Welch

On stage, you can use your emotions. It's the place where you can channel them. They have a purpose.

~Florence Welch

I've always been attracted to romantic secondhand clothes. But my style developed as I started going to these strange raves where everybody had these very definitive costumes.

~Florence Welch

It's very flattering when you look into the crowd and people have made an effort and dressed in your style.

~Florence Welch

I've always been able to just concoct a melody quite easily - it's just kind of instinct, really. You've got to channel your subconscious.

~Florence Welch

What I really like seeing from the stage is people having their own moments, when people are doing some performance of their own.

~Florence Welch

Lay me down, Let the only sound, Be the overflow, Pockets full of

stones.

~Florence Welch

If you see a river running smoothly, it's because someone has drowned in it, and if it's raging, it means that it's still got bloodlust.

~Florence Welch

The stage is a place where I can be wholly myself. Even though you're in front of people almost to be judged, it is a place without judgement.

~Florence Welch

I've got my ideal job. I like to sing, I like to dance, I like to bang drums and dress up, and someone pays me - it's incredible.

~Florence Welch

I've learned not to hide behind a veil of irony - to talk about my work in a more honest way.

~Florence Welch

If you asked me to go back to being 14 or 15, I couldn't - it was a terrifying time. I was so awkward in my own skin. I used to hide behind my hair because I was so ridiculously self-conscious.

~Florence Welch

I saw 'The Artist.' It's really beautiful and it's all done to the letter with all the silent film techniques. The costumes were amazing and the dog is so good.

~Florence Welch

I'd experimented with so many different types of music. I had these folky songs I'd written and recorded, but something wasn't quite right.

~Florence Welch

In a conversation, the words can get stuck, I don't know what to say, I

get very anxious.

~Florence Welch

I started off singing in church as a child. The sound of voices coming together, that was my first moment of touching something outside of myself.

~Florence Welch

I'm completely in love with the world but also terrified of it. It creates some overwhelming feelings. Wanting to battle out that joy and fear is part of my music.

~Florence Welch

I think "waste of your brain" is something that my mother would say to me occasionally - I think it's usually when I'm telling her something like that I can remember every outfit I've ever worn.

~Florence Welch

During the songs, you transcend yourself. The best way to be in the performance is to be without pause and be essentially in the moment, in that moment of expression.

~Florence Welch

I'm obsessed with choirs, and always have been, because of that sense of overwhelming vocals.

~Florence Welch

The Teenage Cancer Trust does incredible work supporting and caring for teenagers and young adults with cancer, and it's a cause that is really close to me and my family.

~Florence Welch

I think I've always looked older than I am. I hope that's going to work in my favor when I get older.

~Florence Welch

I try to write lyrics so that they won't age, which sort of leaves you with the big subjects like death and love and sex and violence.

~Florence Welch

When something really hits me, it makes me want to either jump off something really high or lie down and be buried. I want people to get hit and caught by my music.

~Florence Welch

All the words are already there when you're singing onstage, it's fantastic. You can lose yourself in what you've created. You're controlling this freedom.

~Florence Welch

I am obsessed with the whole Victoriana thing, the whole Jack the Ripper London era, the grayness of it, the haunted feeling of it, all ancient and bloody.

~Florence Welch

I wish to remain nameless And live without shame 'Cause what's in a name. Oh I still remain the same

~Florence Welch

For someone so conflicted, who am I to give advice to anybody? It's such a funny, grandiose idea

~Florence Welch

It's hard to dance with a devil on your back, So shake him off...

~Florence Welch

Look, if Givenchy is going to lend you a dress, I'm not going to turn it down. I would wear that dress to just go out and buy a pint of milk if

they would lend it to me.

~Florence Welch

I've just never been a tracksuit-wearer.

~Florence Welch

Touring, and being in a band, it's almost like the other stuff, the other parts of life, get put on hold.

~Florence Welch

I think an encore is perfectly acceptable, but I find it so weird when people do two or three.

~Florence Welch

I love that sense of release as you throw yourself into the crowd as hundreds of arms are carrying you.

~Florence Welch

I feel a responsibility to the fans who have paid to see me and I want to give as good a show as I possibly can.

~Florence Welch

I always wanted to sound like a man, like Jeff Buckley or Tom Waits.

~Florence Welch

I quite like the drama of an encore. I think an encore is for those artists who are inclined to do dramatic gestures, and I certainly would say I am inclined towards them.

~Florence Welch

I like to wear clothes that I will wear when I am an old lady.

~Florence Welch

I love Lady Gaga and I love Katy Perry and R&B and rap music... I love

big, American pop music.

~Florence Welch

I like the idea of taking off like a bird.

~Florence Welch

You can forget anything, and actually being a part of a crowd, of a group, can itself be freeing.

~Florence Welch

I look really odd in jeans and a hoodie - it doesn't feel or seem right.

~Florence Welch

The only music I was listening to for ages was old soul. So I wasn't listening to a lot of new music - especially indie music.

~Florence Welch

I've been thinking about songwriting more in terms of playing it live, and how it will sound as a band.

~Florence Welch

You know, people always ask, 'What are you like offstage?' And I always say, 'Well, I'm completely normal and mellow.'

~Florence Welch

Being heartbroken is like having this really horrible freedom. You can be selfish with your thoughts, which can lead to manic creativity, but at the same time you're just really miserable.

~Florence Welch

Well, I'm completely normal and mellow.

~Florence Welch

I used to dress like an eight-year-old boy. Traveling has inspired me to

be more experimental.

~Florence Welch

I'm a choir girl gone horribly, desperately wrong.

~Florence Welch

Going to parties usually makes me feel depressed, just because I have such social fear after meeting people.

~Florence Welch

I guess in order to say something to one person, I have to sing it to a couple of thousand. It doesn't make for healthy relationships.

~Florence Welch

I like to keep my issues drawn, it's always darkest before the dawn.

~Florence Welch

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