

Holly Near Quotes

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When we make mistakes, say, I'm blessed that I have an opportunity to learn from this.

~Holly Near

If you have the guts to keep making mistakes, your wisdom and intelligence leap forward with huge momentum.

~Holly Near

Once women are not excluded, I don't think any of us will give a damn what pronouns are used. That wasn't the point.

~Holly Near

We are a gentle angry people We are a land of many colors We are gay and straight together We are a peaceful loving people And we are singing, singing for our lives.

~Holly Near

Why do we kill people who are killing people to show that killing people is wrong?

~Holly Near

Leaping away from my mistakes has propelled me forward. It has great force behind it. It makes for great storytelling.

~Holly Near

I am selfish. I reach for the world I want to live in. And I believe in leaving our best we can do to our children

~Holly Near

To be always in a state of wonder is a kind of sensitivity that can sometimes be an extraordinary blessing and sometimes a real pain.

~Holly Near

Music can be used against us as much as it can be used for us. Muzak

can put a whole nation to sleep, whereas a lullaby is intended to put a child to sleep in a sweet way.

~Holly Near

You can't just leave out one part; the bread won't rise if the yeast isn't there.

~Holly Near

We who are interested in relative truth have to keep digging for it and not let ourselves be sucked under.

~Holly Near

You just keep feeding hogwash to people, and pretty soon they'll eat it.

~Holly Near

Part of being an artist is being willing to be shocked, being willing to be surprised, being willing to be hurt.

~Holly Near

To my great surprise and pleasure, I have had dinner with most of the people living with whom I would like to have dinner.

~Holly Near

All my life I have gone out on a limb, but I have turned the limb into a bridge, and there is cool, clear water flowing under.

~Holly Near

I like this life. I like it when it's hard, and I like it better when it's not, but I know you don't get the sweet part without the bitter.

~Holly Near

It is essential that men start being interested in and excited by how women think.

~Holly Near

White middle- and upper-class men have a longer journey to go than many people.

~Holly Near

My creativity and my political work are linked. I don't do this work out of guilt or out of responsibility.

~Holly Near

To come to a concert and hear a lot of songs from a female perspective should not make men say, 'Oh well, that's for women'.

~Holly Near

The greatest warriors are the ones who fight for peace.

~Holly Near

It's been important to me to be a good activist, a good thinker, a good musician, a good singer, and a good entertainer. You can't do it all, but I have walked those delicate lines as best I know how.

~Holly Near

The war on drugs is a war against the communities.

~Holly Near

The women's movement completely changed attitudes all over the world in ways we'll never be able to count.

~Holly Near

When an audience comes to one of my concerts, I hope they'll see themselves, somewhere, in one of the songs.

~Holly Near

My parents encouraged thought. You'll get through life better if you learn how to think.

~Holly Near

Time has passed through me and become a song.

~Holly Near

Often thoughts are given to me with the sole purpose of giving them away.

~Holly Near

If I didn't think and feel the way I think and feel, I couldn't sing the way I sing. And I like singing the way I sing.

~Holly Near

I don't believe in nirvana. If nirvana was handed to us on a silver platter, this would be the first day of our struggle to keep it.

~Holly Near

A lot of artists say, I'm not political. People are afraid of this word.

~Holly Near

Poverty without a people's government looks like hopelessness, but to see poverty in organized communities is to see relief-in-progress.

~Holly Near

In my life, the stories I have heard from my family, my friends, my community, and from willing strangers all over the world have been the true source of my education.

~Holly Near

I'm not allowing my perspective to be dictated by the dominant culture.

~Holly Near

You can kill that man but not his song, When it's sung the whole world round...

~Holly Near

Part of keeping space open is not to try to choose a form - to spend more time thinking about content, and let form take care of itself.

~Holly Near

Language is like songs, like food, like dance-it is the expression of what we think.

~Holly Near

When I am willing, all sound is available to me.

~Holly Near

Peace can start with just one heart.

~Holly Near

Like any art, the creation of self is both natural and seemingly impossible. It requires training as well as magic.

~Holly Near

People love to hear the mistakes you've made.

~Holly Near

It doesn't take long to sum up the major theses of most popular music: he loves me; he left me; I need him; I needed him, but now I need his best friend. Rather limited scope.

~Holly Near

Whenever new ideas emerge, songs soon follow, and before long the songs are leading.

~Holly Near

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