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I seen a baby cry seconds later he laughs... the beauty of life, the pain never lasts.

~J. Cole

You are perfect exactly as you are. With all your flaws and problems, there's no need to change anything. All you need to change is the thought that you aren't good enough.

~J. Cole

To appreciate the sun you gotta know what rain is.

~J. Cole

Life is a movie, pick your own role, Climb your own ladder or you dig your own hole.

~J. Cole

Anything's possible, you gotta dream like you never seen obstacles. ~J. Cole

Keep grindin' boy, your life can change in one year, And even when it's dark out, the sun is shining somewhere

~J. Cole

No need to fix what God already put his paint brush on ~J. Cole

One thing you should know about me is I never play to lose, Always aim high and rarely obey the rules.

~J. Cole

In this life ain't no happy endings; Only pure beginnings followed by years of sinning and fake repentance.

~J. Cole

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Either you play the game or let the game play you and be that broke sucka talkin bout I stayed true

~J. Cole

Believe in God like the sun up in the sky, see science can tell us how but it can't tell us why. I seen a baby cry then seconds later she laughed, the beauty of life the pain never lasts.

~J. Cole

Promise to my momma I'ma make it to the Top.. So I'ma keep climbing til my heartbeat drop

~J. Cole

I'll be dammed if I sit around another year, Dreamin' dreams hopin' somehow that they just appear.

~J. Cole

The same ones you love will bring you pain.

~J. Cole

If you ain't aim too high, then you aim too low!

~J. Cole

Don't let bridges you cross be bridges you burn.

~J. Cole

They say time is money but really it's not If we ever go broke, then time is all we got And we can't make that back, no you can't make that back ~J. Cole

I put a lot of pressure on myself. I think something's not good enough, and I won't stop until I feel like I've made it. I'm never satisfied.

I gotta make a move, I gotta do this now, If they don't know your dreams, they can't shoot 'em down.

~J. Cole

Hard to move on when you always regret one.

~J. Cole

We got dreams and we got the right to chase 'em, Look at the nation, that's a crooked smile braces couldn't even straighten.

~J. Cole

If I lost your respect...I'm just hope you don't look at me as something you regret.

~J. Cole

Don't worry, Even Jesus never saw his real father

~J. Cole

I'm here to spread a message of hope. Follow your heart. Don't follow what you've been told you're supposed to do.

~J. Cole

Anything I do, I want to do it well.

~J. Cole

So ahead of my time even when i rhyme about the future I be reminiscing

~J. Cole

I feel like this: Whatever is in your path and in your heart, you need to do.

~J. Cole

I'm already hot, you could say I'm pre-heated. If money talks, mine's

telling your's to 'be seated

~J. Cole

I've always been an underdog. I feel like I beat the odds.

~J. Cole

History repeats itself and that's just how it goes.

~J. Cole

I'ma be here for a while. None of these clowns can hurt me.

~J. Cole

I yearn for that livin' large, but mama I ain't done yet/Sit back and watch your son rise, kick back and know your son set

~J. Cole

You hate it before you played it. I already forgave ya.

~J. Cole

If I was to go to sleep before midnight, I would feel weird about myself, like I wasted a day. My most productive hours are between midnight and five.

~J. Cole

College isn't in everyone's hearts. I am living proof, though, that school doesn't mess up your plans. It gives you more experiences to write about.

~J. Cole

I'm a super-duper over-analyzer. You mix that with self-doubt and pressure, and that's never healthy.

~J. Cole

Sold my soul to Satan. I've been dancing with the devil. So when you

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get to hell you can say you know me. I'm easily attracted by the dark side. Devil keep following.

~J. Cole

If I'm a character, it's a biographical movie. My character is as close to me as possible. As close to being myself as possible. So my character, J. Cole, is very close to Jermaine Cole.

~J. Cole

I was a class clown. At 12, I was definitely clowning. I was making all the jokes. But I was smart, so the teachers didn't know what to do with me.

~J. Cole

Barack Obama would not be President if he were dark skin. You know what I mean? That's just the truth. I might not be as successful as I am now if I was dark skin.

~J. Cole

Get on yo job little man this ain't Saturday

~J. Cole

I have a little bit of that gamer spirit in me. I just don't have the time to be a gamer. But in another life, I would be one.

~J. Cole

You can't reverse fame. You can lose all the money, but you'll never lose people knowing you.

~J. Cole

One day, I'll be listening to a bunch of Ray Charles, the next day it's nothing but Red Hot Chili Peppers. The next day it might be Tupac all day.

I'm the type of person where, A., I look at things as challenges, I like challenges and, B., I truly believe that you determine your own destiny.

~J. Cole

It's no coincidence that all the greatest rappers - whoever you put in your top five - I guarantee you they a great storyteller.

~J. Cole

Tupac was just so passionate about what he believes in and not afraid to say anything.

~J. Cole

Even my momma asked what I'mma do. Decisions, decisions/ In case this is war, then I load up on all ammunition/ If a n----a want problems, my trigger's on auto.

~J. Cole

No rapper in the world from Jay-Z to Tupac to Biggie has 100 percent love on everything they do.

~J. Cole

Yeah school girl, cool girl. Your dress is sexy and your momma is a cougar.

~J. Cole

My fans love me for me, my beats, my rhymes.

~J. Cole

My goal is to have that be a haven for families.

~J. Cole

How big can you be if just the underground niggas know you? You can't buy your mom a house when you just an underground celebrity.

The thing about being an artist today is you get to develop right in front of people's eyes before you even put out an album.

~J. Cole

Producing all my own songs and refusing to go to the hot producer. That's the biggest risk I've taken so far.

~J. Cole

I begged my mom for a beat machine, she spent a crazy amount of money - so there were no more Christmases, no more basketball camps, no more birthday gifts. I always knew that's what I wanted to do.

~J. Cole

My parents were divorced by the time I was even conscious - like I don't remember them ever being together.

~J. Cole

I had a lot of resistance, and not just to fame. I was always conscious of not changing.

~J. Cole

I'm half-black, half-white, so I basically put it like this: I can fit in anywhere. That's why I write so many stories from so many different perspectives, because I've seen so many.

~J. Cole

I pay attention to lyrics and I know what rap fans care about. I try to write for the average listener and I'm conscious of the mainstream without selling out.

~J. Cole

The music becomes more pure and soulful when it's true, and it has to be true these days with the way the internet works, and the way the

game works, everyone wants authentic raps.

~J. Cole

Sometimes I try a Mai Tai. It's so fruity. It's a little embarrassing, but I like it.

~J. Cole

In hip-hop, there's not a lot of love. There's not a lot of love being spread. It's always like 'I'm stuntin' on you raps, or I'm better than you raps.' It's not a lot of 'Yo man, I idolize you raps.'

~J. Cole

I had a rat-tail when I was younger. I had this nice Bobby Brown fade, with a rat-tail that was long enough to wrap around my face. I used to chew on the end and bite it.

~J. Cole

School is a good place - it ain't for everybody, but I think it's for most people.

~J. Cole

I want to be like Bruce Springsteen or something, making songs that are relevant.

~J. Cole

I met Will Smith twice. I didn't talk to him for too long but I was trying to let him know that my age group grew up watching him - he was the coolest guy on television and the coolest guy in movies.

~J. Cole

I think if I did something in the pop world right now, it would be for Rihanna. I'd love to do something production wise for her.

I kinda like the idea of having an album that's all me.

~J. Cole

I don't like to think of it as being fired. Instead, I prefer to think of it as being on indefinite leave with a sabbatical flair.

~J. Cole

I've got two Rolexes that I'm very proud of - a gold Presidential that was a gift and a white gold one I gifted myself. I'm trying to step my game up and get a few more of those.

~J. Cole

I don't live for the accolades. I'm more so about the music. Making it, and putting it out. Those are the two best feelings.

~J. Cole

I still wanna rap better than everybody else, and I wanna say important things.

~J. Cole

When you're a rapper, just a rapper, you have to kind of settle for whatever comes your way - if a beat is hot, you wanna rap on it, period.

~J. Cole

I do put a lot of God in my music, but not because I'm super religious. There are a lot of demons in my music, too. I acknowledge both.

~J. Cole

My Mother's an actress, and she's always told me, "Boy, you're an actor." I would look forward to seeing if I'm any good. I want to be good at it, that's the only thing.

When composing music, I just start spilling things out and then wait until they take form, you know what I mean, until I see like a common thread or something.

~J. Cole

I worked in ad sales. I would call up local businesses and try to get them to buy ads in the paper. The whole time, I felt like I was just scamming people.

~J. Cole

I was a huge Mike Tyson fan growing up; his fights were always on in my house.

~J. Cole

I never really told anybody that I'm a rapper. I wasn't walking around being like, "Yo, check out my mixtape!" It was more of a secret grind.

~J. Cole

It's the way I enjoy making art - I like sitting down and making five beats; I enjoy that process. I can go two weeks without making a song and just making beats and I'll be OK.

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