

# James Vincent McMorrow

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Sometimes my hands they don't feel like my own; I need someone to love, I need someone to hold.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I have some vivid memories of walking around as a child with a cassette tape.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I like what I like, I don't like what I don't like, and I'm very bad at toning myself down.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I never was the front man in any bands I played in when I was in college, and I always learned music by myself at home.

~James Vincent McMorrow

You get one chance to make an impression and coasting through is a disservice.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I moved to London with this really warped sense of expectation.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I don't know if I'm attention deficit, but I certainly am easily distracted by other things.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I was never a 'sit down with a notepad and write lyrics' kind of person.

~James Vincent McMorrow

Life is short. I'm here to make music, I'm not here to sit on a beach. That sounds really boring to me.

~James Vincent McMorrow

Music is a self-propelling thing. You can not rely on anybody but yourself.

~James Vincent McMorrow

What we understand to be profoundness, or importance, it changes. It should change. It should be this moment where you cannot believe that equalled grandness or importance.

~James Vincent McMorrow

My love of R&B and hip-hop has influenced my life not even as a musician, but generally in terms of growing up and looking to America as an inspiration.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I really wanted to approach performing live differently than most people who just play guitar and sing.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I never looked at being a musician any different than waking up one day and wanting to be an accountant or a lawyer.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I feel the reasons my songs might seem dark is because of how I viewed the situations I was in and it was just something I always felt like documenting.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I think sitting in the car with your parents and listening to music is an essential to growing up.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I didn't start playing music really until I was 18/19, so it was a relatively new thing. I didn't play much music in school.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I'm very ambitious, musically - I want to create great things, not mediocre work.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I want to talk about things that are tangible and real to me, but I also want to do them in a way that's poetic and artistic.

~James Vincent McMorrow

With music, it feels natural that, in my head, I can pull things apart and then put them back together very quickly.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I don't function well in certain aspects of society, and you can read into that what you will.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I grew up in a place called Malahide, which is by the water and is beautifully quiet, leafy, and part serene.

~James Vincent McMorrow

When I started out making music I thought it was about thrills and adding layers, but I realized I want to focus on saying the most with the least.

~James Vincent McMorrow

You play a couple of shows, and these label guys come - and they leave halfway through a show. Then the phone calls just stop. And your heart is broken.

~James Vincent McMorrow

My favorite records are not easy - they're not records that reveal everything to you the first time out.

~James Vincent McMorrow

It's like half the campaign of selling a record is trying to convince people that you're an artist. Well, I am an artist. This is what I do.

~James Vincent McMorrow

The idea of trying to predict what people will or won't respond to is risky.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I'm mostly a keep-to-myself kind of guy, but you slowly find yourself getting folded into the musical tapestry.

~James Vincent McMorrow

Hip-hop has been the guiding light of my life as a musician and a music fan. It's the one common thread through all of it from the time I bought my first record probably. It's always been there.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I've traveled quite a lot and become a coffee nut.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I'm learning on the guitar all the time.

~James Vincent McMorrow

Food in Dublin has gotten immeasurably better than it was. When I was a kid, there weren't a lot of options. Now you're overwhelmed with options.

~James Vincent McMorrow

I didn't really learn how to play guitar until I was in college.

~James Vincent McMorrow

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