

Joan Baez

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Action is the antidote to despair.

~Joan Baez

You don't get to choose how you're going to die, or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now.

~Joan Baez

You may not know it, but at the far end of despair, there is a white clearing where one is almost happy.

~Joan Baez

I went to jail for 11 days for disturbing the peace; I was trying to disturb the war.

~Joan Baez

I think music has the power to transform people, and in doing so, it has the power to transform situations - some large and some small.

~Joan Baez

The easiest kind of relationship for me is with ten thousand people. The hardest is with one.

~Joan Baez

I've never had a humble opinion. If you've got an opinion, why be humble about it?

~Joan Baez

I have hope in people, in individuals. Because you don't know what's going to rise from the ruins.

~Joan Baez

As long as one keeps searching, the answers will come.

~Joan Baez

Someone had to change the world. And obviously I was the one for the job.

~Joan Baez

Instead of getting hard ourselves and trying to compete, women should try and give their best qualities to men - bring them softness, teach them how to cry.

~Joan Baez

If you don't have music, you have silence. There is power in both.

~Joan Baez

Only you and I can help the sun rise each coming morning. If we don't, it may drench itself out in sorrow.

~Joan Baez

If it's natural to kill, how come men have to go into training to learn how?

~Joan Baez

If people have to put labels on me, I'd prefer the first label to be human being, the second label to be pacifist, and the third to be folk singer.

~Joan Baez

We're not really pacifists, we're nonviolent soldiers.

~Joan Baez

The point on nonviolence is to build a floor, a strong new floor, beneath which we can no longer sink.

~Joan Baez

We both know what memories can bring / They bring diamonds and rust.

~Joan Baez

Nonviolence is a flop. The only bigger flop is violence.

~Joan Baez

That's all nonviolence is - organized love.

~Joan Baez

The longer you practice nonviolence and the meditative qualities of it that you will need, the more likely you are to do something intelligent in any situation.

~Joan Baez

If you're gonna sing meaningful songs, you have to be committed to living a life that backs that up.

~Joan Baez

There is chaos. There's bloodshed. There's carnage.

~Joan Baez

I don't think of myself as a symbol of the sixties, but I do think of myself as a symbol of following through on your beliefs.

~Joan Baez

Put tattoos all up and down our thighs, do anything our parents would despise. Take uppers, downers, blues, and reds and yellows, our brains are turning into jello.

~Joan Baez

Noise is an imposition on sanity, and we live in very noisy times.

~Joan Baez

My life is a crystal teardrop. There are snowflakes falling in the teardrop and little figures trudging in slow motion.

~Joan Baez

I've been obsessed with stopping people from blowing each other's brains out since I was ten.

~Joan Baez

As long as we keep searching, the answers come.

~Joan Baez

It seems to me that those songs that have been any good, I have nothing much to do with the writing of them. The words have just crawled down my sleeve and come out on the page.

~Joan Baez

The only thing that's been a worse flop than the organization of nonviolence has been the organization of violence.

~Joan Baez

I'm a badass. I really am. When you see me hanging with Snoop Doggy Dogg, I am perfectly at home and comfortable.

~Joan Baez

I have heard more than once, 'Shut up and sing!' and I get it now.

~Joan Baez

Hypothetical questions get hypothetical answers.

~Joan Baez

Somebody else does the rigor and then I listen. I have an assistant, and my manager, and other people who hunt and find and send it to me, and then I just figure out which ones I can do justice to.

~Joan Baez

All of us are survivors, but how many of us transcend survival?

~Joan Baez

God must have something to do with joy ... and with sadness.

~Joan Baez

Sometimes I get lonesome for a storm. A fullblown storm where everything changes.

~Joan Baez

I think the question that nobody wanted to deal with is the question they're posing: did my kid die in vain? Because the answer is too awful.

~Joan Baez

I'm lucky to have met so many people who have been involved in peace and who have been peace prize winners.

~Joan Baez

Mostly what I listen to when I turn on my little iPod is opera.

~Joan Baez

"Nasty Man" isn't a laughing matter, but you have to laugh anyway. The song, itself, becomes something of a laughing matter because we'd go crazy if we didn't keep laughing.

~Joan Baez

Peace might sell, but who's buying?

~Joan Baez

To love means you also trust.

~Joan Baez

In this society, we don't like to face the future and the dying process and all of it. Most of us really don't want to think about it, but it's facing me in the mirror every day.

~Joan Baez

People say I'm such a pessimist, but I always was. It never stopped me from doing what I had to do. I would say I'm a realist.

~Joan Baez

The foundation of my beliefs is the same as it was when I was 10.
Non-violence.

~Joan Baez

I'm not a rock and roller, a hitmaker. I'm highly dependent on what's coming out of these vocal cords.

~Joan Baez

My father was a physicist and also an activist. My first public protest was with my dad at Stanford. I came by all that honestly.

~Joan Baez

My dread is for my show to be a nostalgia act. So the key to it is how do we keep it fresh?

~Joan Baez

I was trying to disturb the war.

~Joan Baez

During the 'ballad' years for me, the politics was latent; I was just falling in love with the ballads and my boyfriend. And there was the beauty of the songs.

~Joan Baez

Some people don't even notice. "Oh, you sound exactly like you did!" And I say, "OK, if that's what you want to believe, that's fine."

~Joan Baez

We need to have faith in the people who are giving this movement direction to be smart enough to stay one step ahead of what's coming

up next.

~Joan Baez

I am so disconnected from the world of rock 'n' roll. I was always peripheral, partly because of the drug culture. I was not involved in that.

~Joan Baez

It sounds corny, but it's absolutely true: A song chooses me. I don't go looking for a certain kind of lyric. It kind of develops its own little arc and I'll just see what happens.

~Joan Baez

Living so fully, I can't imagine what any drug could do for me.

~Joan Baez

The hardest song to write is a protest song, a topical song with meaning.

~Joan Baez

We were raised with that discussion about violence and non-violence, and we all pretty much came up on the side of non-violence. That became my foundation with politics and my livelihood.

~Joan Baez

Now I know I understand that it was Sgt. Pepper's Band, that put the sixties into song, where have all the heroes gone?

~Joan Baez

If you swing both ways, you really swing. I just figure you double your pleasure.

~Joan Baez

The search is in the doing.

~Joan Baez

As we know, forgiveness of oneself is the hardest of all the forgivenesses.

~Joan Baez

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