

Joanna Newsom

Quotes

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I did spend a year in high school being obsessed with Fleetwood Mac.

~Joanna Newsom

I wasn't born of a whistle or milked from a thistle at twilight No I was all horns and thorns sprung out fully formed, knock-kneed and upright.

~Joanna Newsom

People in San Francisco and the East Bay have shown interest, done interviews, and have come to shows. I guess that the news travels fast out of this island that we are on.

~Joanna Newsom

It broke my heart when I learned the moon had been passing the sun's light off as its own.

~Joanna Newsom

Never get so attached to a poem that you forget truth that lacks lyricism.

~Joanna Newsom

I would be happy for someone to download my music.

~Joanna Newsom

What a woman does is open doors. And it is not a question of locking or unlocking.

~Joanna Newsom

I am producing sounds that people are not used to hearing from the harp.

~Joanna Newsom

Lyrics are very different. There is a clear line between that and a poem. Something that has been a source of great excitement and delight for me is this idea that I get to rhyme.

~Joanna Newsom

We deserve to know light. And grow evermore lighter and lighter.

~Joanna Newsom

I want to make music that somehow connects to the things that I love in America music.

~Joanna Newsom

I give away CDs at shows if someone wants a CD but doesn't have any money. I wouldn't want to do that forever.

~Joanna Newsom

You should listen to a lot of different music.

~Joanna Newsom

I wasn't interested in writing music that wasn't beautiful for me to listen to.

~Joanna Newsom

I wanted to write songs which I think is a different thing. I wanted to write music that is informed by folk music. The chord progressions are obvious references.

~Joanna Newsom

In high school, we studied a lot of poetical forms. I was really interested in the math that was involved and the strange live break ups. That gave me a great amount of respect for a rhymed stanza.

~Joanna Newsom

I can't play my songs on the smaller harp. I have a Celtic harp. I can't do the key changes.

~Joanna Newsom

I started playing harp about fourteen years ago.

~Joanna Newsom

If I ever met Dolly Parton for sure, I would just not be able to say anything. I love her.

~Joanna Newsom

I have a recording that I did of instrumental songs.

~Joanna Newsom

I am consciously trying not to make it sound Celtic or African.

~Joanna Newsom

I don't think I'm abnormal and I think that lets people down.

~Joanna Newsom

We are blessed and sustained by what is not said

~Joanna Newsom

And a thimble's worth of milky moon
Can touch hearts larger than a
thimble.

~Joanna Newsom

I never thought people would be mortally offended by the sounds I was making.

~Joanna Newsom

And all that we built, and all that we breathed
And all that we spilled or
pulled up like weeds
Is piled up in back and it burns irrevocably
And we spoke up in turns 'til the silence crept over me.

~Joanna Newsom

I'm not a wanderer, which is funny because I'm on tour half the time. I'm a home, hearth and family kind of person.

~Joanna Newsom

I have a deep rooted folk sensibility that I can't get away from completely.

~Joanna Newsom

I have writing songs on my own for about six years.

~Joanna Newsom

I am not doing something that it is experimental music in relation to classical music.

~Joanna Newsom

I am always trying to write.

~Joanna Newsom

I've been unaware of how people react to the instrument. People have ideas of what a harp is supposed to sound like, and a lot of them are negative ideas.

~Joanna Newsom

There's something fundamental to the harp that has retained its appeal my whole life. It's an instrument I am just in love with.

~Joanna Newsom

The so-called positive press has in some ways been more difficult to swallow than the negative.

~Joanna Newsom

I can bear a lot but not that pall

~Joanna Newsom

There are some mornings when the sky looks like a road.

~Joanna Newsom

I played piano for about two years when I was a kid. I didn't play long enough to be really great.

~Joanna Newsom

I can understand someone not liking the voice or the songs.

~Joanna Newsom

People are often afraid for me. They think that I am going to break. I can make it through a set.

~Joanna Newsom

The way that words fit together is always interesting to me. I love words.

~Joanna Newsom

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