

Joe Strummer Quotes

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Punk rock isn't something you grow out of Punk rock is an attitude, and the essence of that attitude is 'give us some truth'

~Joe Strummer

Everyone has got to realise you can't hold onto the past if you want any future. Each second should lead to the next one.

~Joe Strummer

I don't have any other message than don't forget you are alive

~Joe Strummer

When I started, they told me I only needed 3 chords and the truth... It turned out I could manage with 2 and some vague ideas.

~Joe Strummer

The way you get a better world is, you don't put up with substandard anything.

~Joe Strummer

In fact, punk rock means exemplary manners to your fellow human beings.

~Joe Strummer

We`re all going to have to learn to live together and develop a greater tolerance and get rid off whatever our fathers gave us in the way of hatred between nations.

~Joe Strummer

Don't write slogans, write truths.

~Joe Strummer

The future is unwritten.

~Joe Strummer

When you blame yourself, you learn from it. If you blame someone else, you don't learn nothing, cause hey, it's not your fault, it's his fault, over there.

~Joe Strummer

I'm far more dangerous now, because I don't care at all.

~Joe Strummer

The toughest thing is facing yourself. Being honest with yourself, that's much tougher than beating someone up. That's what I call tough.

~Joe Strummer

People can change anything they want to, and that means everything in the world.

~Joe Strummer

Strummer's Law: No input, no output.

~Joe Strummer

All the power's in the hands of people rich enough to buy it.

~Joe Strummer

A lot of the time I'm semi-insane, but there is a slight bit of intelligence there.

~Joe Strummer

It is fun to be alive. It's a hell of a lot better than being dead.

~Joe Strummer

To me our music is like Jamaican stuff - if they can't hear it, they're not supposed to hear it. It's not for them if they can't understand it.

~Joe Strummer

Greed, it ain't going anywhere. They should have that in a big billboard

across Times Square. Without people you're nothing.

~Joe Strummer

I have a weird life because I live on songwriting royalties, which are a strange income. Sometimes it rains, sometimes it doesn't.

~Joe Strummer

You have the right not to be killed, unless it was done by a policeman or an aristocrat.

~Joe Strummer

There is nothing more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

~Joe Strummer

If you ain't thinkin about man and God and law, then you ain't thinkin about nothin'.

~Joe Strummer

When you're out to get the honey you don't go killing all the bees

~Joe Strummer

My motto is, 'What's the hurry?' I'm trying to get it across to the modern world that we need to sit around and think a little bit more.

~Joe Strummer

I don't want to look back. I want to keep going forward, I still have something to say to people.

~Joe Strummer

There is a time to dance to techno and a time not to.

~Joe Strummer

I learnt that fame is an illusion and everything about it is just a joke. I'm far more dangerous now, because I don't care at all.

~Joe Strummer

Yeah, all those things, responsibility, pressure. It's a bit stressful. I try and come to terms with it by not thinking about it.

~Joe Strummer

Anybody who makes speeches written by someone else is just a robot.

~Joe Strummer

Nonsmokers should be banned from buying any product a smoker created.

~Joe Strummer

I just want to go back to rockin', but I'm uncertain as to what to actually do. The truth is, I never stopped thinking about rock'n'roll for a second that I'm on holiday.

~Joe Strummer

We aren't particularly talented. We try harder!

~Joe Strummer

The hippy movement was a failure.

~Joe Strummer

everybody has a story to tell

~Joe Strummer

I think we're going to have to forget about the radio and just go back to word of mouth.

~Joe Strummer

All hippies around now just represent complete apathy.

~Joe Strummer

I like to just feel how I feel and not worry about it really.

~Joe Strummer

A lot of people... use a calculator!

~Joe Strummer

I like to read because it's the opposite of being on the go. Reading is the perfect antidote.

~Joe Strummer

With The Simpsons you can go back to work with a keen heart.

~Joe Strummer

For me the music is a vehicle for my lyrics. It's a chance to get some really good words across.

~Joe Strummer

I began thinking there should be an American phrase book, 'cause I've got an Italian phrase book, and an Arabic one... now a British one. I think it'd be pretty good to have an American phrase book.

~Joe Strummer

The only place I considered home was the boarding school, in Yorkshire, my parents sent me to.

~Joe Strummer

I want to grow up with my audience. I don't expect to be getting through to the younger pop crowd. I learned that from Paul Simon.

~Joe Strummer

There isn't a town in the world I haven't run amok in.

~Joe Strummer

You've gotta be slightly stupid.

~Joe Strummer

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