

# John Fahey

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*Guitar, Kind, Folks, Knows, Trying, My Favorite, Book, Piano, Average, Song, Father, Guy, Fame, Forget, World, Shows, Islands, Opening, Teacher, Real*

There is something about guitarsâ€™ maybe something magicalâ€™ when played right, which evokes past, mysterious, barely-conscious sentiments, both individual and universal.

~John Fahey

I had a big background in listening to classical music and I started trying to compose, like I was playing the guitar but I heard an orchestra in my head.

~John Fahey

When I play, I very quickly put myself into a light hypnotic trance and compose while playing, drawing directly from the emotions.

~John Fahey

But I say these things in an objective dispassionate manner because, you know, and I can't explain why, but being one of the greatest guitarists in the world simply is not very important to me.

~John Fahey

Early Bluegrass is my favorite kind of music, not to many people know that.

~John Fahey

How can I be a folk? I'm from the suburbs you know.

~John Fahey

The other thing in composition is opening up the unconscious.

~John Fahey

I just want to be treated like an average guy.

~John Fahey

From a social perspective, I am looking for friends, not acolytes.

~John Fahey

I was using them as teachers for technique but I was never trying to be a folk.

~John Fahey

Well folks, that's about it for the show tonight.

~John Fahey

As for fame, it can go to your head and you can become full of yourself.

~John Fahey

So I learnt a few country western songs, I bought a chord book, and right away I started writing my own stuff, which nobody else did that, I don't know why.

~John Fahey

Well I was on the one hand, the more I played the guitar the more I began to really love the guitar and to love virtually any kind of music that anybody played well on guitar.

~John Fahey

Being worshipped is a horrible experience.

~John Fahey

I also know that I am not a great technician.

~John Fahey

I thought I'd be wasting my time to go to commercial record companies and make demos for them, because don't forget, I was doing what I was doing and nobody understood what I was doing.

~John Fahey

See my father knew a lot about music, he played the piano and he would do theory and stuff like that, but I didn't learn anything from him,

but I played that for him and he liked it a lot.

~John Fahey

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