

# John Fogerty

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When I made Blue Moon Swamp, there was a lot of trial and error; I was trying to find people who would be simpatico with my style, and with what I had in mind for the album.

~John Fogerty

Sometimes I think life is just a rodeo, the trick is to ride and make it to the bell.

~John Fogerty

No, but I've always felt that with true talent, and a commitment to hard work, it is possible to achieve an enduring respect and appreciation. In other words, I don't take my fans for granted.

~John Fogerty

Now that I'm older, I like almost anything that's done well, even surf music and instrumentals; I really enjoyed the interviews with the Ventures in your magazine.

~John Fogerty

Long as I remember, rain been comin' down; Clouds of mystery fallin', confusion on the ground; Good men through the ages, trying to find the sun; And I wonder, still I wonder: Who will stop the rain?

~John Fogerty

You evil thing, why do you haunt me?

~John Fogerty

Playing guitar is a never-finished journey.

~John Fogerty

Even though I have often recorded alone, I still feel the best music is made by musicians playing off each other.

~John Fogerty

There's a bad moon on the rise.

~John Fogerty

I ain't got no time for a Caribbean cruise, just give me a song and a beer.

~John Fogerty

Let the people know my wisdom, fill the land with smoke

~John Fogerty

I'm much more energetic now; you might say live performance is my mission.

~John Fogerty

I thought what I was good at doing was playing real simple guitar licks, since I'd cut my teeth on what Duane Eddy was doing; licks that were simple but had staying power.

~John Fogerty

Coonskin caps, Yankee bats, the Hound Dog man's big start. The A-bomb fears, Annette had ears, I lusted in my heart.

~John Fogerty

When I'm standing at the Pearly Gates, I want to say to God, 'Don't look at the records. Look at my family. I'm much prouder about that part.'

~John Fogerty

But I think beautiful is simple and elegant, like a ballad with simple harmony.

~John Fogerty

The Telecaster doesn't really sound that good for the kind of rock and roll that a lot of people played.

~John Fogerty

I usually destroy unreleased material. It has a way of coming back to haunt you.

~John Fogerty

I'm like a twenty two year old kid in a new band trying to get noticed and break through, because the vast majority of people have never seen me play live.

~John Fogerty

I've studied a lot of great people over the years - Pete Seeger, James Brown - and tried to incorporate elements that I've admired, though I can't say I dance like James.

~John Fogerty

Even though James Burton was my idol, I didn't think I could carry his shoes back then.

~John Fogerty

There's just not a lot of guys around playing like that these days; a lot of steel players are plugging into stomp boxes, trying to sound like Jeff Beck on a steel guitar.

~John Fogerty

I'm now comfortable playing a lot of the old songs, and I've gotten out a lot of the old equipment.

~John Fogerty

You got to hidey-hide, you got to jump and run again. You got to hide-hidey-hide, the old man is down the road.

~John Fogerty

I loved Western Swing and Hank Williams' music, and I now know that it's a 6th tuning that gives you all of those classic licks.

~John Fogerty

Mr. Greed, why do you have to own everything that you see?

~John Fogerty

My papa said son don't let the man getcha and do what he done to me.

~John Fogerty

That song has the full extent of my mandolin abilities; I'm not a good mandolin player at all.

~John Fogerty

And I now think that Stratocasters and Telecasters are way cool.

~John Fogerty

On Eye of the Zombie, I had so-called studio musicians.

~John Fogerty

Big train from Memphis, now it's gone gone gone, gone gone gone.  
Like no one before, he let out a roar, and I just had to tag along.

~John Fogerty

Vanz can't dance, but he'll steal your money.

~John Fogerty

Washburn's an old American name, but this one was assembled overseas.

~John Fogerty

I've also become much more the musician I've always wanted to be.

~John Fogerty

I've long ago learned that if an idea will stand on its own, it'll stand having the light shone on it. But if you shine light on it and it kind of withers, then it probably wasn't a very good idea.

~John Fogerty

You should play with real musicians; the best music comes from real people interacting with each other.

~John Fogerty

Four guys from England took us all by the hand.

~John Fogerty

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