

Lin-Manuel Miranda

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Everyday has the potential to be the greatest day of your life

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I'm past patiently waitin,' I'm passionately smashin' every expectation, every action's an act of creation.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I try to let my decisions be guided not by what I think will succeed or fail, but what I'm going to learn from that process.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

When I get called in for stuff for Hollywood, I get to be the best friend of the Caucasian lead. If I want to play the main guy, I have found, I have to write it.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

You can't control the success or failure of a thing you work on. You can only control the thing you work on.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

The distance between where I am and where I want to be seems impossibly large.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Ed Koch once said that New York City is where immigrants come to audition for America. That's what happened to my parents; that's what happened to me.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

If you're thinking about the idea in the shower. If you're thinking about the idea while you're walking your dog, there's probably something to it.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I think if you want to make a recipe for making a writer, have them feel a little out of place everywhere, have them be an observer kind of all the time. And that's a great way to make a writer.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I'm not going to hang out with celebrities, I'm not going to parties. I have two songs due for Moana next week, and I'm going to go and spend some time with Maui and Moana in the ocean, in my mind.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I'm just like my country, I'm young, scrappy and hungry, and I'm not throwing away my shot.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

With every word, I drop knowledge. I'm a diamond in the rough, a shiny piece of coal trying to reach my goal.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Don't be shocked when your history book mentions me.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I just remembered when I was an adolescent girl wanting to leave my island and find my calling.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I'm the music guy, I get to wear the music hat, but being able to be that guy in the room is a thrill at this level and caliber.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I wouldn't give a performer something I couldn't deliver myself.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

The theater should always be a safe space.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I got to fall in love. I got to win a war. I got to write words that inspired a nation.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I think I started writing because no one had ever told me you can write about the things you know in a musical. They don't have to come from some far off place.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

The music you love when you're a teenager is always going to be the most important to you.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

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I am the epitome of coolness.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I liked writing the negative ads more than - because it's more minor chords.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

If you know the voice you're writing for it's such a shortcut. It's such a catalyst to creating the kind of energy you want.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I feel like style is like accent. You don't hear it on yourself, and then everyone's like, man, you got a strong accent.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I will lay down my life if it sets us free.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

The reason I make that distinction cassette before CD is you have to listen to it in the order in which I've curated it for you. You know, side A to side B is our act break.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

The fact that I'm a performer helps me enormously as a lyricist.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

My sister is as responsible for anyone for giving me good taste in music.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I have been working on this movie [Moana] since before Hamilton happened.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I was one of several songwriters I think interviewed [for Moana]. I'm a huge fan of Disney animated movies, and I've always wanted to write an animated score since I was a little kid.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

It was a real dream come true just to get the job [in Moana], and yeah, and we sort of got right to work.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Well, hello. My name is Lin. But if you're dyslexic, call me Nil.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

It's an enormous relief to go to work and be an actor and not be worried about writing.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Once George Washington said, "I have to step down the so the country can move on."

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Lamplighters are the guys who manually turned on all the street lamps in London and turned them off. That was the gig in the 1930s in London.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

The problem is I got a lot of brains but no polish.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Sebastian, en EspaÑ±ol, is a bad ass name.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I am not throwing away my shot.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

My rhymes are gonna kill, so I suggest you write your will and leave your [expletive] to me.

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People who don't like musicals like, 'why are they singing? Why aren't they just talking? If you make the lyric feel really conversational, it's much easier for them to bridge that gap.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I'm not trying to make something that is difficult to perform every night. It needs to proceed at the speed of that character's thought because that's the only way it's actable.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I loved musicals. I loved being in the school play and being lucky

enough to get parts in the school play. But they always took place in some other time and place.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I'm just like my country. I'm young, scrappy and hungry.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

We get the job done. So what happens if we win?

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

My power of speech, unimpeachable. Only 19 but my mind is older.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I got to holler just to be heard.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

If you think in terms of topping, you're in the wrong business. You can't think that way.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

These New York City streets get colder, I shoulder every burden every disadvantage I've learned to manage. I don't have a gun to brandish. I walk these streets famished.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I know the action in the street is excitin' But Jesus, between all the bleedin' â€œn fightin' I've been readin' â€œn writin'.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I've had a little Hollywood experience, and there's nothing like the Disney story experience.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

My kid gets me out of bed in the morning.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

Disney's really incredible on story.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

We sort of quickly realized every rhythm, Opeteia [Foa'i] takes the lead.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I came up with the "We are explorers," with sort of a counter-melody to [Opeteia Foa'i] melody. And so, it happened so organically, that it really, to me, is the most emblematic of our collaboration.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

No one wants to hear me crooning a ballad.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I probably shouldn't brag, but dag I amaze and astonish.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

I had friends who only listened to hip-hop. I had friends who only listened to musicals, and I stood proudly in the middle.

~Lin-Manuel Miranda

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