

Loudon Wainwright III

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It's hard for the modern generation to understand Thoreau, who lived beside a pond but didn't own water skis or a snorkel.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I wasn't in a lot of rock and roll bands. I was in jug bands and things when I was in school.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I always wanted to be an actor, even as a little kid. So I went to drama school in the late '60s at Carnegie Mellon.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I think I'm the oldest new Bob Dylan around. I predate Bruce Springsteen, Steve Forbat and John Prine. I was probably the first of the new Bob Dylans.

~Loudon Wainwright III

Doomsday is quite within our reach, if we will only stretch for it.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I'm always asked if the songs that I write are therapeutic, and my answer is a quick no. In fact, it could be argued that they exacerbate my neurosis.

~Loudon Wainwright III

If I had five minutes to live, I don't think I'd be bothered singing a song. I'd be dead, so it won't really matter. I'd have a glass of wine and a cigarette.

~Loudon Wainwright III

Displaying a bland, even an eerie, disregard for what appeared to be the facts of the situation, he fell back on an old habit of looking ahead to the next defeat.

~Loudon Wainwright III

If you're 28 and singing about being over the hill, you're pretending. When you're 67 and singing about it, you know what you're talking about.

~Loudon Wainwright III

Geoff Muldaur was and is one of my musical heroes. When I listen to him sing and play, I can hear the coal mine, the cotton field, and last, but certainly foremost, the boy's boarding school.

~Loudon Wainwright III

Why kill good people just to get a bad man?

~Loudon Wainwright III

When you make a record, you listen to it literally hundreds of times. When it's done and you can't do anything else, I never listen to my records.

~Loudon Wainwright III

After a war, after a concentration camp, I find it's not too difficult to be happy.

~Loudon Wainwright III

When my mother died, and when my father died, it's big. Our parents are giants; they're titans of our lives, so of course it's going to be a big deal.

~Loudon Wainwright III

Who was that fatman buried in your place? Just another imitator, plastic surgeons did his face.

~Loudon Wainwright III

When you have a song on the radio your career and your life changes maybe for the better and maybe for the not so good depending on how it's going that day.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I was a smoker for years. Occasionally I slip and have a cigarette. Remarkably, my voice has held up. I'm grateful, obviously. But I don't gargle with honey and ground-up bird eggs. I have no secrets.

~Loudon Wainwright III

When a parent dies, the whole house of cards comes down.

~Loudon Wainwright III

Los Angeles, the sun shines a lot, and it's blue, and there's palm trees; it's a bit like Sydney, I guess, but the underbelly is a vicious, mean, cruel, awful place.

~Loudon Wainwright III

As it turns out, three of my four kids are professional singers. And they're really interesting, good singers.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I don't think of myself as a folk singer per se, but I really like blues and string-band music. When I started listening to records when I was a teenager, the folk boom was going on.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I have travelled and been pretty much a one man operation for most of my career, and I think it'll continue to be that way.

~Loudon Wainwright III

My music comes from country music. Merle Haggard is God, and I do believe that. I'm not too tuned in to country music. I don't know who Brooks and Dunn are. I like Shania Twain, though!

~Loudon Wainwright III

It's nice when people say, 'God, I've been listening to you since 1963 or

1985, or whatever.' I appreciate anybody who goes out and buys music these days.

~Loudon Wainwright III

I love failure. It's stuff that I'm thinking about all the time in my life, so it would make sense to me anyway to write about it.

~Loudon Wainwright III

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