

# Lucinda Williams

## Quotes

*Song, Writing, People, Ideas, Thinking, Mean, Trying, World, Guitar, Voice,  
Way, Real, Success, Sound, Perfect, Work, Done, Art, Littles, Inspiration*

I'm fascinated by the whole concept of snake handling. When you read about the Pentecostal snake handlers, what strikes you the most is their commitment.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm just like everyone. I like to feel togetherness with someone.

~Lucinda Williams

So few people are truly themselves when they're in the spotlight.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm not just a doormat. I'm not just being stepped on all over the place. If you look at the bulk of my material, it's about trying to find some strength through that.

~Lucinda Williams

People let their own hang-ups become the obstacles between them and personal happiness.

~Lucinda Williams

As it turns out, now is the moment you've been waiting for

~Lucinda Williams

I guess you could write a good song if your heart hadn't been broken, but I don't know of anyone whose heart hasn't been broken.

~Lucinda Williams

The perfect man? A poet on a motorcycle.

~Lucinda Williams

First thing, I throw on some jeans, a T-shirt and my Keds sneakers and make coffee. That is actually my favorite time of day. That is when I do my songwriting, when I am in writing mode.

~Lucinda Williams

I don't mean to complain. I wouldn't trade my life for anything.

~Lucinda Williams

Have compassion for everyone you meet, even if they don't want it.

~Lucinda Williams

I have such a great band. We had played all this material on the road. I just wanted to let it fly.

~Lucinda Williams

Sade's stuff is real deceptive. She's got stuff about prostitutes, poverty and people on the streets.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm trying to learn how to tap into the power of my own being. I know it sounds corny.

~Lucinda Williams

There's so many other things to write about than unrequited love.

~Lucinda Williams

Some of their best songs don't have bridges and choruses. So that made me think I should trust my instincts. My songs were okay, I figured. I didn't need to change anything.

~Lucinda Williams

You can't really praise somebody's work and then criticize the process.

~Lucinda Williams

I just broke up with my boyfriend, and I've been spending more time alone than I'd like.

~Lucinda Williams

It's a Long Way to the Top (If You Wanna Rock 'n' Roll)

~Lucinda Williams

Just because I'm talking about something that might have been a sad or painful situation doesn't mean that I'm sad or tortured 24 hours a day any more than anybody else is.

~Lucinda Williams

You should put time into learning your craft. It seems like people want success so quickly, way before they're ready.

~Lucinda Williams

I have had to come to terms with wearing glasses.

~Lucinda Williams

I mean, whose songs don't focus on tragedy and loss?

~Lucinda Williams

I'd rather play a few nights at the Fillmore than play one night at an arena.

~Lucinda Williams

What I do as a songwriter is a constant force in my life, that I'm grateful to have.

~Lucinda Williams

The thing about Alzheimer's is that it's... it's sort of like all these little, small deaths along the way, before they actually physically die.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm pretty much the same person I was 20 years ago. My politics haven't changed. I have the same feeling of idealism. But I am a little bit wiser and more experienced.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm an artist first and foremost. So things are gonna go up and down and sideways and whichever way all through life.

~Lucinda Williams

It's really about living in your head... just looking out at the world, then going back into your head and tossing around a lot of ideas and coming out with something interesting to say.

~Lucinda Williams

We just did a few takes of a song and just picked the best one. It was real organic and genuine.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm polite. I guess that's the dichotomy within me. I don't like to piss people off just for the sake of pissing them off. I pick my battles.

~Lucinda Williams

Sometimes I dream song ideas. I write a song in my dream, the melody and everything. But then sometimes I can't remember them. I think later on, I probably do.

~Lucinda Williams

I usually don't write about my life right when it happens. I process it, and I store it away. Then, when I get in the mood I pull the stuff back out.

~Lucinda Williams

I don't keep a journal anymore. I did when I was a teenager, but now because I write about it all in my songs, that's what I'm really doing.

~Lucinda Williams

Any time there's a major change, whether it's going into a relationship, getting out of a relationship, moving to a new city, a death - that usually provides a catalyst for an explosion of creativity.

~Lucinda Williams

The more I separate myself from my upbringing, the more I appreciate what it's done for me.

~Lucinda Williams

I think in the world of rock music or whatever it's called - anything outside of Nashville - there's a lot more freedom within that industry to do whatever you want to do.

~Lucinda Williams

There's this whole idea that you've got the blues and you're going to write. Bullshit. When I feel really bad, all I want to do is sit in front of the TV with the remote control and check out.

~Lucinda Williams

Sometimes I feel like I just open myself up like I'm a vehicle for something coming through me. It's like a meditative state I have to be in.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm in a contented, loving relationship, but that doesn't mean I'm not struggling with other things that are going on around me in the world.

~Lucinda Williams

I don't want to beat people over the head with my political views. It's more about the humanitarian aspect of it.

~Lucinda Williams

It's always been hard for me to do without sounding precious or too corny or whatever.

~Lucinda Williams

What seems conceit, bad manners or cynicism is always a sign of

things no ear have heard, no eyes have seen. You do not know what wars are going on down there where the spirit meets the bone.

~Lucinda Williams

I didn't grow up in a mom-and-pop, Ozzie and Harriet type of environment, but who did.

~Lucinda Williams

RB Morris is the greatest unknown singer-songwriter in the US.

~Lucinda Williams

Offer your art up to the whole world, not just an elite few.

~Lucinda Williams

Back in the 1960s, I saw Peter, Paul and Mary. I was at that age, about 14, and I was mesmerized.

~Lucinda Williams

I write the songs, go in and record them, then I listen to everything and decide how it all fits together.

~Lucinda Williams

I was immediately taken with Geoff Muldaur's rich soulful voice, masterful phrasing and guitar playing when I first heard him.

~Lucinda Williams

I feel like it's really kind of a sit-down album, much in the same way I imagine Billie Holiday or someone sitting down in the studio and singing.

~Lucinda Williams

Above all, the listener should be able to understand the poem or the song, not be forced to unravel a complicated, self-indulgent puzzle. Offer your art up to the whole world, not just an elite few.

~Lucinda Williams

It's easier to write songs when you're single.

~Lucinda Williams

Blaze Foley was a genius and a beautiful loser.

~Lucinda Williams

I would worry if I wasn't coming up with ideas, if I wasn't inspired.

~Lucinda Williams

I grew up in a very literate, very independent household where people spoke their ideas and were very supportive of helping each other find their own way

~Lucinda Williams

I've had trouble being in relationships and writing. This has been a real problem for me. I don't know if it's because I'm not free to fantasize or create these fantasy things about other people

~Lucinda Williams

I have to try different things to see what works best. Other people get impatient with that.

~Lucinda Williams

I love Emmylou Harris's version of my song, 'Sweet Old World.' Her intonation is great.

~Lucinda Williams

I started writing more with my voice in mind.

~Lucinda Williams

I started writing songs, I guess, when I was about 13 or 14, but I didn't know if they were good enough yet or anything.



~Lucinda Williams

I write first for myself as a therapeutic process, to get stuff out and to deal with it.

~Lucinda Williams

I can speak for most songwriters - those breakup love songs are so easy to write, as far as the inspiration and all that.

~Lucinda Williams

I am trying to get right with God. I'm sort of making a statement about the excessiveness.

~Lucinda Williams

I usually have an idea of how I want a song to sound, but I don't always know how to get there

~Lucinda Williams

I'm dealing with things as they come along, and I'm talking about it

~Lucinda Williams

When the muse hits me, or the mood, or whatever it is, I get my guitar out and I empty it out. I just start going through things to see what's going to happen.

~Lucinda Williams

If you come into success too soon, you'll burn out and be finished before you know it. If you let the maturation process happen naturally, you'll be happier with yourself in the end.

~Lucinda Williams

Of course, I'm older now. I'm in a different place in my life than when I wrote the songs for Car Wheels or Essence or whatever. Different things were going on.

~Lucinda Williams

I'm trying to get out of my own way

~Lucinda Williams

You can't be afraid to deal with your demons. You've got to go there to be able to write.

~Lucinda Williams

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