

Martin Gore

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When people meet me I think they're surprised to find out I'm not always angst-ridden.

~Martin Gore

I always hate explaining away songs, because for me they mean something, and for other people, they'll mean something absolutely different.

~Martin Gore

I lead two totally separate lives. There are times when I have to slip into rock star mode.

~Martin Gore

I will be the focal point for however long I decide to play. Half of me likes that idea and half of me doesn't, but once the adrenaline kicks in, I'll probably really enjoy it.

~Martin Gore

Anything that I write comes from the soul.

~Martin Gore

I don't think I've ever tried to be anything other than a weirdo.

~Martin Gore

I'm not advocating violence but I think somebody should shoot Simon Cowell.

~Martin Gore

I do a cover of a Velvet Underground song, and they were one of the most important bands, for me.

~Martin Gore

It creates a conflict of interest - what songs would I use for me, and what would I use for the band.

~Martin Gore

When I write love songs, people think they're really sappy - but I see love as a consolation for the boredom of life.

~Martin Gore

Once I'd chosen the songs, it seemed like it would just be a question then of recording them. But it's a case of trying to re-invent the songs; taking them in different directions.

~Martin Gore

There are Depeche Mode parties around the world where people listen to our music all night long. The more remixes we can give them, the more interesting those nights have got to be.

~Martin Gore

God knows why - no pun intended - but every time I write a song, I feel a need to touch on religion.

~Martin Gore

Music is really all about experimentation and lots of trial and error. It's just mind-numbingly boring until you hit on something that works well.

~Martin Gore

I sit down and create atmospheres, start playing guitar or piano and just sing whatever comes out of my mouth.

~Martin Gore

I knew at quite a young age that I had an issue with drinking.

~Martin Gore

I want people to feel good about listening to this [Delta Machine] record, to get some kind of peace. It's just got something magical about it.

~Martin Gore

I tend to like songs that are very emotional, that strike a chord with me emotionally.

~Martin Gore

If you go into the eastern bloc countries we are huge, and in Russia. Maybe there is something about the depressing nature of our music and lyrics that some people find an affinity with.

~Martin Gore

Our music over the years has been very cinematic. It's surprising we never really got into film soundtracks.

~Martin Gore

I live in Santa Barbara. My wife's American, and she lived in England for 11 years and then told me she'd had enough.

~Martin Gore

I wasn't ever a massive David Essex fan, but I liked a few of his tracks, and Stardust was one of them.

~Martin Gore

I loathe the idea of going onstage in a T-shirt and jeans.

~Martin Gore

I like their darkness but I also like the pop-side of the Velvet Underground.

~Martin Gore

I don't write poems and put them to music. Just let things flow.

~Martin Gore

I studied German at school. I lived in Berlin for two years and had a German girlfriend for five years, so I don't find speaking German particularly difficult. Singing was slightly more difficult.

~Martin Gore

If you took music out of my life, I don't know what I'd do. It's the one thing that I have a real passion for.

~Martin Gore

More than accepted, it's encouraged for rock stars to be out of control.

~Martin Gore

You make one solo album, and some people swear you're about to leave the band or there are creative differences.

~Martin Gore

Songwriting is a mysterious art. When I sit down to write a song, the end result should be mysterious and have this dark quality.

~Martin Gore

The only things we have to worry about are really stupid things.

~Martin Gore

There haven't been many credible electronic covers records.

~Martin Gore

I try to get a degree of realism in my music.

~Martin Gore

The majority of the time I'm at home with my family, I play football three times a week.

~Martin Gore

I think being in a band is probably the only job when you're actively encouraged to be out of it most of the time.

~Martin Gore

There's something insane about this business - about the cycle of making albums and going on tour to promote them.

~Martin Gore

Kids today don't know that much about vinyl.

~Martin Gore

People are People still gets played to death on '80s stations. It was our first big break in America. It's not exactly my favorite song.

~Martin Gore

I'm not particularly prolific.

~Martin Gore

If you repeat yourself, then I think you're in danger of losing that fan base, because if you're not interesting yourselves, you're not interesting your audience.

~Martin Gore

I love being in the studio. If I'm at home, I will go to the studio pretty much every day anyway. It's just something that I like to do.

~Martin Gore

Record covers helped me discover a lot of music that I wasn't aware of.

~Martin Gore

All of my kids are into music. My older daughter plays guitar, piano, sings. My young son, he sings.

~Martin Gore

I don't think I ever worry too much about what our target audience is, what we should be releasing. I just write naturally and organically and try to write from the heart.

~Martin Gore

I didn't write songs for a very long time.

~Martin Gore

I don't like to think 10 years down the road.

~Martin Gore

I didn't expect us to be around after 25 years.

~Martin Gore

As part of Depeche Mode, I don't think it's right for me to be using my own songs for a solo project. I'm not a very prolific songwriter, so I keep those for Depeche Mode.

~Martin Gore

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