

Natalie Merchant

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Im going to be shaking my booty when Im 55.

~Natalie Merchant

I wish I had appreciated my youth - I should have worn tighter clothing when I could have!

~Natalie Merchant

For your kindness, I'm in debt to you. For your selflessness, my admiration.

~Natalie Merchant

Poetry comes alive to me through recitation.

~Natalie Merchant

I've raised my daughter with no television.

~Natalie Merchant

TV holds a close second to cars for destroying our society. It's a failed experiment.

~Natalie Merchant

I don't want to live in a culture of despair. I'd like to live in a culture of hope.

~Natalie Merchant

Life is sweet, life is also very short.

~Natalie Merchant

The research phase was really fascinating - I'm not a closeted nerd, I'm an out-of-the-closet nerd.

~Natalie Merchant

Have I been wrong? Have I been wise to shut my eyes?

~Natalie Merchant

I don't think women's prisons are environments for dance routines, and I don't think mass murder is humorous.

~Natalie Merchant

I've always considered it a great privilege to be a musician, I've never lost sight of that.

~Natalie Merchant

I would say I'd rather dig a ditch, you know, do hard, manual labor than write lyrics.

~Natalie Merchant

Be true to yourself, and, um, don't worry about some large companies' quarterly profit index.

~Natalie Merchant

I was shy. Bookish. The kind of 13-year-old girl who, instead of having a boyfriend, would have a crush on a dead, 19th-century author!

~Natalie Merchant

I've found out how overwhelming the media is and the way it drills things into your head, it's almost like a mind control. If I could control people's minds, I'd like to put something useful in.

~Natalie Merchant

It's really wonderful to be able to be nobody, and then have a moment when I can be somebody, and then go right back to being nobody again.

~Natalie Merchant

I've had a large gay following for many years and have been quite aware of that.

~Natalie Merchant

I can't remove the autobiographical slant from the things I write. You always bring yourself into what you're writing.

~Natalie Merchant

When it came time to sequence the album, the new arrangements really demanded a different order. They were so different than they were before that the old sequence didn't work anymore.

~Natalie Merchant

I've never sold my publishing. I have 100% control of all of my publishing and that includes everything, every use of my songs.

~Natalie Merchant

It's funny, I remember doing the Johnny Carson show, and, uh, I couldn't afford my rent.

~Natalie Merchant

I'm on this search trying to figure out exactly who I am and what I have to say to people.

~Natalie Merchant

I think I have a really diverse audience. I've had people from all sorts of sexual persuasions.

~Natalie Merchant

I think I don't invest so much time in thinking about people's sexuality. I just take people as individuals.

~Natalie Merchant

Have I been blind, have I been lost, inside myself and my own mind?

~Natalie Merchant

I go to the river from time to time to ponder over the crazy days in my life. Watch the river flow, ease my mind and soul where I go.

~Natalie Merchant

I don't enjoy the work that I do. It's just that it's not self-sustaining anymore. The way that I like to make records - they're expensive records to make and just can't afford to do it anymore.

~Natalie Merchant

I think of myself as a musician and not a celebrity. Celebrity status is something you have to deliberately pursue - I couldn't imagine myself seeking that.

~Natalie Merchant

I don't have a lot of thrilling anecdotes about my career or personal life. All the stuff that is interesting is private and I wouldn't want people to know.

~Natalie Merchant

By calling it a memoir, I meant it as a collection of memories. I thought it was (a more) artful (title) than documentary.

~Natalie Merchant

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