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We don't need more †What if the mother is going to die' debated, we need †I had an abortion because I was not ready to be a mother. It was my choice and my right. I own it. Back the f@#(up.

~Neko Case

If you want to be noticed as a drop of water, why would you move to the ocean?

~Neko Case

Country music is completely punk-rock. It's the original punk-rock.

~Neko Case

The most tender place in my heart is for strangers. I know it's unkind, but my own blood is much too dangerous.

~Neko Case

You're not supposed to totally know what's happening. The songs are supposed to give you clues so you can fill in the blanks.

~Neko Case

The Worse Things Get, The Harder I Fight. The Harder I Fight, The More I Love You.

~Neko Case

Playing in an independent rock band will eventually make you equal parts truck driver, gladiator and mule. Glamour is for those with trust funds.

~Neko Case

We shouldn't censor ourselves based on the weak idea of "looking cool." It's such a waste of potential awesomeness.

~Neko Case

I grew up with lots of animals and I related more to them than I did to

people. I feel a lot of empathy for them.

~Neko Case

I would be a huge hypocrite if I didn't tell you that at one time in my life I thought the way that you made music was you got on a major label and you got famous.

~Neko Case

Everyone has to kind of fend for themselves.

~Neko Case

I don't feel nervous or fearful when I'm on stage.

~Neko Case

I like to think that I'm not old yet.

~Neko Case

I have this typical Ukrainian face. Even people who know my music don't recognize me most of the time, thank God.

~Neko Case

I try not to be overly literal. When I'm writing songs, I write down a lot of words, and then I try to simplify it. I like to give people hints or words that make visual pictures for them.

~Neko Case

Being the boss of your own career, you get used to having veto power and getting what you want, or as close to what you want as you have mapped out.

~Neko Case

Every band wants to go believe me, not everybody makes it, but they want to.

~Neko Case

I always end up working with people that do a really good job, so I'm the only one that I'm worried about disappointing me, not the musicians ever.

~Neko Case

I'm too small for the universe to revolve around me. It is a huge relief! ~Neko Case

I have a pathological fear of getting my picture taken.

~Neko Case

I like driving. I'm a real sucker for driving across North America - I never get sick of it, ever.

~Neko Case

It's like sometimes, you can just lay back and it takes the pressure off of you.

~Neko Case

I don't think it's important for everyone necessarily, and I totally respect that because everyone writes differently.

~Neko Case

I think I have a lot of empathy for animals and nature in general. Those things just make me comfortable. I grew up in the middle of nowhere, around a lot of animals. I feel for them.

~Neko Case

Rich kids who write songs about food stamps always piss me off. I'm not going to write any songs about that, either.

~Neko Case

I didn't want to be the girl who posed in 'Playboy' and then - by the way - made some music.

~Neko Case

I want the recording process to be a time in my life that I will remember.

~Neko Case

There's this art form in songwriting that's incredibly difficult - to be really funny in a song and also really touching. I can't do that.

~Neko Case

The relationship of humans to nature. We are sadly divorced from it.

~Neko Case

I'm not very interesting. Birds are interesting. I could stand there lip-synching all day long, but it would feel funny, and people would be able to tell. I'm not a good actress.

~Neko Case

All I want to do is sing on other people's records.

~Neko Case

Making music makes me feel vulnerable in the best possible way. It gives me a feeling of balance.

~Neko Case

I get outside a lot. I am a huge champion of physical activity. It's so important.

~Neko Case

The Bible tries to make humans not animals the whole time. I think it's a bit of a mistake.

~Neko Case

You can't just play the same thing, over and over again.

~Neko Case

I tried to have more than one emotion on the record.

~Neko Case

I should have been an abortion. The only reason I wasn't was that my father was a Christian.

~Neko Case

I just really dig feeling subservient to nature. It brings me a peace and calm, kind of like a Faustian thing, I think...

~Neko Case

I think my songwriting might be a little more on the darker side maybe.

~Neko Case

What drug will keep night from coming?

~Neko Case

I just want to make stories. They don't have to have a moral or a reason. There might be some mild cautionary notes, but they're not moral. They don't impart any Judeo-Christian ethic of any kind.

~Neko Case

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