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You know, if I can survive marching band, I can survive anything.

~Nellie McKay

My mom. She really encouraged me. That's the trouble with education: Unless you have a really supportive parent, you get left behind.

~Nellie McKay

I really don't care what people say. It's amazing that feminism continues to exist at all, considering how much counter-feminism is out there.

~Nellie McKay

There's a side of me that identifies with Aileen Wuornos.

~Nellie McKay

Love is such a fleeting emotion. It's such a small part of the things you do in your life.

~Nellie McKay

I think people at most record labels really like music, but it's hard because everything is so subjective, and everyone's so creative in their own right.

~Nellie McKay

I was approaching adolescence. For some reason, I guess my mother thought it would be less crazy out in the suburbs, which it wasn't. I just think adolescence is hard for anyone.

~Nellie McKay

I'm glad I got a record contract, because all of a sudden everything you were doing before that made you a stupid person now makes you a smart person.

~Nellie McKay

I feel like you should always be questioning the genre you're doing. If

you're doing something that sounds like a lullaby, it can be good to make it about someone stalking someone.

~Nellie McKay

In New York City, when they develop something, they never use the old buildings. It's so wasteful. Why not use what's there?

~Nellie McKay

Public radio is the last oasis of free and independent music. For satellite radio channels, you have to subscribe; commercial stations are as corporate as basic cable.

~Nellie McKay

I will say that art may well be the only thing that lasts, so I guess it's worth trying.

~Nellie McKay

I never know how to get off the phone, so I'm terribly admiring of people who can.

~Nellie McKay

I kind of go for the MGM version of every musical style.

~Nellie McKay

The civilised cultures are the most cruel. It's the same with education - often it breeds sadistic forms of cruelty.

~Nellie McKay

Less money for public media means less access to the arts.

~Nellie McKay

You can criticize something you strive for, and you can avoid something you dream about.

~Nellie McKay

Music can make the cerebral accessible, the subconscious hummable. It communicates our shared needs and desires as sentient beings better than any other medium.

~Nellie McKay

In the hierarchy of instruments, if you're a harpist, you're considered someone with a brain much more than if you're a singer.

~Nellie McKay

I think there are nice things about every era. I wish we could just take the nice things.

~Nellie McKay

I have trouble with any kind of focus or concentrating, or getting anything done at all, really.

~Nellie McKay

Just like everything, even the most fun and creative endeavor requires work to be successful, and I'm so sick of working. I'm a lazy person at heart. I never meant to be a go-getter.

~Nellie McKay

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