

# Paul Simon

## Quotes

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I was eating in a Chinese restaurant downtown. There was a dish called Mother and Child Reunion. It's chicken and eggs. And I said, I gotta use that one.

~Paul Simon

The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls and tenements halls and whispered in the sounds of silence.

~Paul Simon

Improvisation is too good to leave to chance.

~Paul Simon

If you can get humor and seriousness at the same time, you've created a special little thing, and that's what I'm looking for, because if you get pompous, you lose everything.

~Paul Simon

Sail on silver girl  
Sail on by  
Your time has come to shine  
All your dreams are on their way  
See how they shine  
Oh, if you need a friend  
I'm sailing right behind.

~Paul Simon

I don't feel any pressure from fans. But I'm always in some kind of state of emotional turmoil. I would not describe myself as happy-go-lucky. That's not to say that I'm not happy.

~Paul Simon

Believing I had supernatural powers, I slammed into a brick wall.

~Paul Simon

And she said 'Losing love is like a window in your heart, Everybody sees you're blown apart, Everybody feels the wind blow.'

~Paul Simon

I've got nothing to do today but smile.

~Paul Simon

Music is forever; music should grow and mature with you, following you right on up until you die.

~Paul Simon

Someone told me it's all happening at the zoo.

~Paul Simon

It's actually very difficult to make something both simple and good.

~Paul Simon

All lies and jests, still a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest.

~Paul Simon

These are the days of miracle and wonder.

~Paul Simon

No one dare disturb the sound of silence...

~Paul Simon

The thought that life could be better is woven indelibly into our hearts and our brains.

~Paul Simon

And so you see I have come to doubt -All that I once held as true ~ I stand alone without beliefs -The only truth I know is you

~Paul Simon

...music is sometimes the only benign avenue of communication between antagonists.

~Paul Simon

Why am I so soft in the middle when the rest of my life is so hard?

~Paul Simon

Artie is a singer, and I'm a writer and player and a singer. We didn't work together on a creative level and prepare the songs. I did that.

~Paul Simon

Life I love you, all is groovy.

~Paul Simon

When I look back at all the crap I learned in high school, it's a wonder I can think at all.

~Paul Simon

You know, life is what you make of it- so beautiful or so what.

~Paul Simon

When I was 15, I made a solo record. It made Artie very unhappy. He looked upon it as something of a betrayal.

~Paul Simon

People ask how I feel about getting old. I tell them I have the same question. I'm learning as I go.

~Paul Simon

You want to be a writer, don't know how or when? Find a quiet place, use a humble pen.

~Paul Simon

Faith is an island in the setting sun, But proof is the bottom line for everyone.

~Paul Simon

There's something about the sound of a train that's very romantic and

nostalgic and hopeful.

~Paul Simon

I suppose an artist takes the elements of his life and rearranges them and then has them perceived by others as though they were the elements of their lives.

~Paul Simon

The trick is, as I know it, is to care like hell and not give a damn at the same time.

~Paul Simon

I feel I should try to reveal. When you hit it right, you produce an emotional response in the listener that can be cathartic. When you're wrong, you're soppy, sentimental.

~Paul Simon

One man's ceiling is another man's floor.

~Paul Simon

Much of songwriting is simply a mystery.

~Paul Simon

Somewhere in a burst of glory / Sound becomes a song.

~Paul Simon

I don't like fashion. It's very heartless.

~Paul Simon

I don't believe what the papers are saying They're just out to capture my dime, Exaggerating this, exaggerating that.

~Paul Simon

I met my old lover on the street last night, she seemed glad to see me.

~Paul Simon

My whole artistic life has always been about change, change, change, move on, move on. It's the only thing I find interesting.

~Paul Simon

I don't consider myself to be a major talent, so the only solace I can take is to hope I'm growing.

~Paul Simon

By the time I was 12 or 13, I felt that I was special, because I could play the guitar and write songs.

~Paul Simon

All God requires from us is to enjoy life and love. That's the whole point.

~Paul Simon

And a rock feels no pain; And an island never cries.

~Paul Simon

Artie travels all the time. The rehearsals were just miserable. Artie and I fought all the time. He didn't want to do the show with my band; he just wanted me on acoustic guitar.

~Paul Simon

One of the things that upset me was some of the criticism leveled at Simon and Garfunkel. I always took exception to it, but actually I agree with a lot of it.

~Paul Simon

We had many more points of agreement than we had points of difference, but we did differ, and the bigger we got, the more insistent we got that each one of us should have his way.

~Paul Simon

Lord, I am a surgeon and music is my knife. It cuts away my sorrow and purifies my life.

~Paul Simon

Then she kissed me and I realized she probably was right, there must be fifty ways to leave your lover.

~Paul Simon

Poverty is not an act of God. It is the result of flawed policy, and that is a moral challenge.

~Paul Simon

When I first heard Elvis perform "Bridge Over Trouble Water" it was unbelievable, and I thought to myself, how the hell can I compete with that?

~Paul Simon

A fundamental requirement, overriding any other for this job, is an understanding of deafness-what it is and how it affects the educational experience.

~Paul Simon

I want to rid my heart of envy, and cleanse my soul of rage before I'm through.

~Paul Simon

Not every song I write is ecstasy. And it can happen only one time. After that, when you sing the same melody and words, it's pleasure, but you don't get wiped out.

~Paul Simon

I always get very calm with baseball.

~Paul Simon

I think Bridge Over Troubled Water was a very good song. Artie sang it beautifully. The Boxer was a really nice record. But I don't think I've written any great songs.

~Paul Simon

My voice is my improvisational instrument, the melody instrument. The guitar is harmonic structure. I'm not a good enough guitarist to improvise on it.

~Paul Simon

When I began making my own albums, the songs became funkier. They were more about the streets.

~Paul Simon

Was a sunny day, not a cloud in the sky. Not a negative word was heard.

~Paul Simon

Time, time, time, see what's become of me, While I looked around, For my possibilities; I was so hard to please

~Paul Simon

Serious numbers will speak to us always.

~Paul Simon

I don't think [Dylan and the Beatles] influenced me a lot. I think it was inevitable; they were so powerful that you couldn't really escape the influence.

~Paul Simon

Having a track record to live up to and the history of successes had become a hindrance. It becomes harder to break out of what people



expect you to do.

~Paul Simon

People talking without speaking,/ People listening without hearing...Sounds of Silence.

~Paul Simon

The phrasing didn't work as well.

~Paul Simon

A songwriter's supreme challenge is being complex and simple at the same time

~Paul Simon

I met my old lover on the street last night. She seemed so glad to see me, I just smiled. Then we talked about some old times and we drank ourselves some beers, still crazy after all these years.

~Paul Simon

The students of Gallaudet have sent a powerful message across this country!

~Paul Simon

I don't know what I'm going to write when I begin to write. It feels like you are walking down a path, but you can't see around the bend and you don't know where you are going to go, which is fun.

~Paul Simon

These are the days of lasers in the jungle, staccato signals of constant information.

~Paul Simon

The risk of failure is part of the fun of what I do.

~Paul Simon

Some people never say the words 'I love you', for like a child they're longing to be told.

~Paul Simon

I would be willing to do almost anything to make Art happy. I care about our friendship. The only thing I won't do is change the essence of my work.

~Paul Simon

I'm more interested in what I discover than what I invent.

~Paul Simon

Mrs. Robinson is a little dated now, but it has nothing to do with Joe DiMaggio.

~Paul Simon

The death penalty is reserved for people who do not

~Paul Simon

I try to open up my heart as much as I can and keep a real keen eye out that I don't get sentimental. I think we're all afraid to reveal our hearts. It's not at all in fashion.

~Paul Simon

Who am I to blow against the wind?

~Paul Simon

People often called us perfectionists, but we were not looking for perfection. We were looking for some kind of magic in the music.

~Paul Simon

Take two bodies and you twirl them into one, their hearts and their bones, and they won't come undone.

~Paul Simon

It was the year of the Beatles, it was the year of the Stones, it was 1964.

~Paul Simon

Don't want to end up a cartoon in a cartoon grave yard.

~Paul Simon

When I was a young reporter, the great vice among journalists was whiskey. Today, it's cynicism.

~Paul Simon

We've survived by believing our life is going to get better.

~Paul Simon

There is a moment, a chip in time, when leaving home is the lesser crime.

~Paul Simon

I don't very often think I've done a good job. I don't like the majority of what I do. I shouldn't say I don't like it, but I'm not satisfied with almost everything that I do.

~Paul Simon

I like them all. They're all pictures of me when I wrote them. I have no favorite songs.

~Paul Simon

She said a good day ain't got no rain  
She said a bad day is when I lie in the bed  
And I think of things that might have been

~Paul Simon

I have my books and my poetry to protect me

~Paul Simon

And you read your emily dickinson, And I my robert frost. And we note our place with bookmarkers That measure what weve lost.

~Paul Simon

Nor is it strange That after changes upon changes, we are more or less the same

~Paul Simon

So I'll continue to continue to pretend my life will never end, and flowers never bend with the rainfall.

~Paul Simon

There are two sorts of people in the world: Those who listen and those who are thinking about what they are going to say next.

~Paul Simon

The degree of customization possible through your Preferences screens is awesome.

~Paul Simon

We were always able to sing and blend well together; that's our gift. But aside from that, we're really two different guys.

~Paul Simon

Time it was And what a time it was, it was A time of innocence A time of confidences Long ago it must be I have a photograph Preserve your memories They're all that's left you

~Paul Simon

Losing love is like a window in your heart.

~Paul Simon

Maybe the heart is part of the mist. And that's all that there is or could ever exist. Maybe and maybe and maybe some more. Maybe's the exit

that I'm looking for.

~Paul Simon

Far above the golden clouds, the darkness vibrates. The earth is blue.  
And everything about it is a love song. Everything about it.

~Paul Simon

I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone, Going home,  
where the new york city winters aren't bleedin' me.

~Paul Simon

If you'll be my body guard, I can be your long lost pal.

~Paul Simon

I regret the ending of our friendship and hope one day before we die,  
we'll make peace with each other . . . No rush.

~Paul Simon

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