

# Petra Haden Quotes

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Harmony has always come very natural to us because we started singing harmony at an early age. We heard a lot of different music growing up.

~Petra Haden

People want to hear clean sounds; they don't want to hear coughing in the background, pages turning.

~Petra Haden

I remember watching Looney Tunes cartoons and having the music stuck in my head.

~Petra Haden

I like things that start depressing and dark and end up romantic, and that's what I really loved about King Kong.

~Petra Haden

I always related my favorite music to the movies.

~Petra Haden

The first song I wrote was "Look Both Ways Before You Cross" from Imaginaryland. I started the song by singing a bass line, "hoo hoo hoo hoo."

~Petra Haden

The Conversation was a movie I saw probably for the first time in the early 2000s. I immediately loved the piano and just how simple it is.

~Petra Haden

My grandparents on my mom's side played in a mandolin orchestra. So when I hear mandolins, I automatically think of them.

~Petra Haden

Everyone knows about The Who, but I didn't. I knew the popular songs

like "I Can See For Miles." So that was the first song I worked on because it was the catchiest and easiest.

~Petra Haden

I didn't know who Meredith Monk was, and I knew about Laurie Anderson but I didn't know her music that well.

~Petra Haden

You have to be a poet to know how to write a song with lyrics.

~Petra Haden

People are born with the knack to write poems and songs. I'm not a poet at all.

~Petra Haden

I never punched in anything when I recorded Imaginaryland. Where the title came from is a whole other story.

~Petra Haden

When we were on breaks from recording and touring, I was kind of moping around, like not knowing what to do. It was hard to adjust back to normal life after being so busy.

~Petra Haden

I put out Imaginaryland, I heard a lot of, "Oh she's copying Laurie Anderson," and I was like, wait... but I don't know her music! Maybe - didn't she have a song called "Superman"?

~Petra Haden

Our dad played us a lot of old country songs by The Carter Family and he would sing along to it. I loved listening to him sing.

~Petra Haden

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