

Randy Newman

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Most of my songs are about insensitivity of some kind.

~Randy Newman

If we'd had another carefree 70s, I'd have been dead. It was a little too carefree, you know? I don't know how carefree they were for me, I think I was worried then, I can't remember what about.

~Randy Newman

I am not overlooking any mail. I'm looking at all of it. I even wrote back to the Viagra people.

~Randy Newman

I'm pretty proud of my film music in general.

~Randy Newman

But if you're doing something, show up everyday, and something good might happen - it's not going to happen if you don't show up.

~Randy Newman

God bless the potholes on Memory Lane.

~Randy Newman

I like science - geography, meteorology, cosmology.

~Randy Newman

Short people got no reason to live.

~Randy Newman

You've got troubles, I've got 'em too. There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you. We'll stick together to see it through cause you've got a friend in me.

~Randy Newman

People become who they are. Even Beethoven became Beethoven.

~Randy Newman

You keep wondering whether people will see that Barack Obama is a liar and not very bright.

~Randy Newman

It's funny; people get so doctrinaire about music. It should be the last thing you don't have an open mind about.

~Randy Newman

I've always had a lot of respect from the people I respected.

~Randy Newman

I sit here in this chair, I pour myself some whiskey, and watch my troubles vanish into the air.

~Randy Newman

They don't respect us, so let's surprise them, we'll drop the big one, pulverize them.

~Randy Newman

I ain't saying that I'm better than you, but maybe I am.

~Randy Newman

The radio is blatin', someone's knockin' at the door. I'm lookin' at my girlfriend, she's passed out on the floor.

~Randy Newman

I like the idea of taking a true classic written by a true genius and essentially destroying it!

~Randy Newman

I started recording because I was always complaining about the records that I was getting of my songs. At least if I did them and messed them

up, I wouldn't have anyone else to blame.

~Randy Newman

I think the tax cut is ridiculous but so am I.

~Randy Newman

I once had dinner with Madonna and I wasn't nervous but within about a minute I found myself talking about underwear.

~Randy Newman

"Rednecks" always made me nervous to play, but I'm glad I wrote it and I continue to play it. It's just that the language is so rough.

~Randy Newman

Cleveland, city of light! City of magic!

~Randy Newman

I have owned and played a Steinway all my life. It's the best Beethoven piano. The best Chopin piano. And the best Ray Charles piano. I like it, too.

~Randy Newman

Things aren't black and white in the world.

~Randy Newman

Crank up the Beach Boys, Baby.

~Randy Newman

I've worked with a band, and it's nice to have someone to travel around with, but I didn't like it as well on stage.

~Randy Newman

College men from L.S.U., went in dumb, come out dumb, too.

~Randy Newman

It takes a whole lot of medicine for me to pretend I am somebody else.

~Randy Newman

To get nominated by the Republican Party you've got to be pretty reactionary, really.

~Randy Newman

I am half a man, holy Jesus, what a drag.

~Randy Newman

Don't forget to bring that little blonde haired girl along. You know the one, love to watch her jump up and down.

~Randy Newman

What I'm most pleased about is that there's no particular decline. The songs I wrote 40 years ago are no worse and no better - there's a consistency.

~Randy Newman

I'd like to explain why you fine young men had to be blown apart to defend this mud hole.

~Randy Newman

Stay away from drugs. They're not worth it. I've tried, but there's none of them that's worth it.

~Randy Newman

I like the performing. And interviews, even. And the stuff that's not sitting in a room by yourself with empty paper. But I never loved writing, to tell you the truth.

~Randy Newman

This one guy's wife is such a pretty brown thing, that I'm liable to give her a poke or two. Whaddaya think of that?

~Randy Newman

We'll have a kid or maybe we'll rent one. He's got to be straight, we don't want a bent one.

~Randy Newman

He got drunk last night, kicked Mama down the stairs. But I'm alright, so I don't care.

~Randy Newman

This is the Republican Party who has run against Russia for 80 years and you know, (Trump) hasn't mentioned (Putin) except in a positive way.

~Randy Newman

I like Public Enemy a great deal.

~Randy Newman

Mostly, I don't write overtly personal stuff.

~Randy Newman

We don't know our ass from a hole in the ground.

~Randy Newman

I seen her with the milkman, riding down the street. When you're through with my baby, milkman, send her home to me.

~Randy Newman

Sometimes what I'm writing is more important to me than the rest of my life. It's more important to me that I'm writing well than anything else.

~Randy Newman

Some fools in the desert with nothing to do...invented me, and they invented you. And other fools keep it all going and growing. Everybody,

we're a figment of their imagination.

~Randy Newman

I hate having to wait. I've got the thing done. I just want to see what happens.

~Randy Newman

Who would want to break into [the music business]? It's like a bank that's already been robbed.

~Randy Newman

It's very hard to get rich and famous at a young age and handle it well.

~Randy Newman

If I were to die tomorrow, I think they'd say Newman 56, composer of the hit song, Short People. Jumped off a mountain today.

~Randy Newman

I've often written about places that are totally different from anything I know. Sometimes they turn out better.

~Randy Newman

I don't remember ever having writer's block. If I sit in there for four hours, I'll usually have something.

~Randy Newman

I always thought my best album was 'Trouble in Paradise.' I was the happiest with that one.

~Randy Newman

I like to write my lyrics on clay tablets.

~Randy Newman

There's a million white people better qualified than a black man to be

president of America.

~Randy Newman

Still, it's clear that there are lots of people out there who are uncomfortable [about racism]. The Civil War was a long time ago but there are aspects of it that remain unsettled.

~Randy Newman

Some day you do something where you use everything you know. You don't do it ostentatiously where you see the workings going on. But some day, if you're lucky, that will happen.

~Randy Newman

But I don't want to sing everything out of the side of my mouth, I want people to understand what I mean.

~Randy Newman

Asia's crowded and Europe's too old, Africa is far too hot and Canada's too cold. And South America stole our name, let's drop the big one.

~Randy Newman

The best of my songs are more than just a joke. There's something else going on - a character, or it's not just a plain joke.

~Randy Newman

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