

Ray LaMontagne

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Don't let your eyes refuse to see
Don't let your ears refuse to hear

~Ray LaMontagne

Well, I looked my demons in the eyes laid bare my chest, said 'Do your best, destroy me. You see, I've been to hell and back so many times, I must admit you kind of bore me.

~Ray LaMontagne

There's nothing in the world so sad as talking to a man who never knew his life was his for making.

~Ray LaMontagne

We all have that inner voice that is wise, even if we don't always follow it. It's that voice I'm trying to listen to.

~Ray LaMontagne

Well it's the hurt I hide that fuels the fires inside me

~Ray LaMontagne

You can make bad choices and find yourself in a downward spiral or you can find something that gets you out of it.

~Ray LaMontagne

I am very self-critical, but that's a good thing because it keeps me growing as a human being and as a musician.

~Ray LaMontagne

Every song asks to be sung in a different way.

~Ray LaMontagne

You have to believe in yourself before anybody else believes in you.

~Ray LaMontagne

The thing I love about music is that you can take things that are painful,

deep things that hurt you, and you can turn them into something beautiful.

~Ray LaMontagne

I never learned to count my blessings I choose instead to dwell in my disasters

~Ray LaMontagne

I want to be in control of my own destiny.

~Ray LaMontagne

I'm a very emotional person.

~Ray LaMontagne

Now the wren has gone to roost and the sky is turnin' gold Turnin' from the past, at last and all I've left behind.

~Ray LaMontagne

I can't get excited by my own music. It's impossible.

~Ray LaMontagne

I need space between me and the audience - and the more space the better.

~Ray LaMontagne

It's so easy to get caught up in your own experiences. They can seem so important. But there are billions and billions of other experiences going on.

~Ray LaMontagne

I want to write music that will outlive me.

~Ray LaMontagne

When I pick up the guitar, it's a melody, and that's what drives the

lyrics. It's bits and pieces of truth, but it is storytelling.

~Ray LaMontagne

There's a real sense of desperation when you grow up in poverty.

~Ray LaMontagne

I'd much rather be playing songs than talking to people.

~Ray LaMontagne

My voice sucks. I don't like the tone.

~Ray LaMontagne

I don't like myself, and I don't like to be looked at.

~Ray LaMontagne

It bugs me that people think my songs are personal because it means I have to explain myself all the time.

~Ray LaMontagne

My backstory is so tedious. I hope the interviews are turning a corner now.

~Ray LaMontagne

I'm a private person.

~Ray LaMontagne

I have a strong sense of self, but that's not a negative thing.

~Ray LaMontagne

I don't really think of myself as a folk singer.

~Ray LaMontagne

I'm very uncomfortable in my own skin.

~Ray LaMontagne

Social situations, for me - it's very natural for me to be an observer. That's where I'm most comfortable. I observe things.

~Ray LaMontagne

I refused then like I do now to let anybody tie me down

~Ray LaMontagne

I feel calm when I'm on my own.

~Ray LaMontagne

Writing songs is not something I wanted to share with people for a long time. It was precious to me. I didn't want someone to crush it. I waited until I felt strong enough to take the criticism.

~Ray LaMontagne

When I think of folk music, I think of topical songs. And I don't write topical songs.

~Ray LaMontagne

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