

Regina Spektor Quotes

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Every morning I wake up with a purpose and a smirk

~Regina Spektor

You're using your headphones to drown out your mind

~Regina Spektor

I care so much about making things that are useful for people to have and listen to, but I don't care so much that I won't do whatever the hell I want. It's just one of those things.

~Regina Spektor

I'm the hero of this story, I don't need to be saved

~Regina Spektor

I think it's ridiculous that we even have to talk about gay rights as rights...It's gonna be as shocking as the treatment of slaves someday.

~Regina Spektor

The piano is not firewood -- yet.

~Regina Spektor

So break me to small parts, let go in small doses, but spare some for spare parts.

~Regina Spektor

I've got a perfect body, 'cause my eyelashes catch my sweat

~Regina Spektor

Pick a star on the dark horizon and follow the light.

~Regina Spektor

I'm much more drawn to fiction, to short stories, and to plays, than I am to diarists.

~Regina Spektor

I don't really make records chronologically.

~Regina Spektor

Love what you have and you'll have more love.

~Regina Spektor

You get to be your own curator of your own exhibits inside.

~Regina Spektor

I always have kind of a few books going at the same time.

~Regina Spektor

Not everything in the world is easy or powerful.

~Regina Spektor

I love stories, I love myths, I love fairytales, I love Kafka.

~Regina Spektor

It doesn't feel natural for me to write some diary type song. I want to write a classic like Yesterday but weird songs about meatballs in refrigerators come into my head - I can't help it.

~Regina Spektor

All the monsters in your mind just want to be nice. They want to be kind. They want to play nice. They want to be softer than the storms around. You feel them through the windows and the doors.

~Regina Spektor

I think that you have to let yourself be agitated and annoyed and not be fully comfortable.

~Regina Spektor

There's an artist that I listened to for the first time, and I really didn't like them. I had some kind of adverse reaction, and later, it became my

favorite thing.

~Regina Spektor

I used to be such a militant city-ist, but more and more I've seen forests and nature and oceans, and I don't know any more if this is the awesomest way to live.

~Regina Spektor

You are my sweetest downfall.

~Regina Spektor

I think songwriters are more related to fiction writers. The Odyssey was a story in song. To me, that's so beautiful, all those painted characters, all those travels and adventures.

~Regina Spektor

When you're playing such brilliant music every day, then the last thing you ever want to do is try to write something of your own that's crude and not as good.

~Regina Spektor

We don't have a lot of power in the world, right? We can only control so many things. It allows you to curate your own emotional and artistic intake of life.

~Regina Spektor

Taking steps is easy Standing still is hard... Everything is different
The second time around.

~Regina Spektor

I just think music is one of those frontiers where people really want the "I" to be you.

~Regina Spektor

I think both you and I, we live in a world of fiction and stories.

~Regina Spektor

God, our world is so complicated.

~Regina Spektor

I think that so many people don't understand how easy it is to be broke, how easy it is to find yourself in a situation where you're in an absolutely foreign place.

~Regina Spektor

Luckily, there's enough people who have recorded songs that I can just go online and kind of figure out how to play them.

~Regina Spektor

The world that has made us can no longer contain us

~Regina Spektor

Maybe one day you'll understand I don't want nothing more than to sweetly hold your hand.

~Regina Spektor

I go through insanity before a show. It's not really a process but it's like absolute mortal fear.

~Regina Spektor

It feels very good to sing in Russian. It feels so good inside my body.

~Regina Spektor

I figured, 'If I ever get offered a chance to sign a deal, I'll only do it if I got to do it how I want.' So my contract is structured in such a way that I'm really protected.

~Regina Spektor

We're living in a den of thieves

~Regina Spektor

No one laughs at God in a hospital.

~Regina Spektor

Its not like I have all the answers.

~Regina Spektor

And the history books forgot about us, and the bible didn't mention us

~Regina Spektor

A man destined to hang can never drown

~Regina Spektor

I don't kiss losers and I don't kiss winners, and I don't fight for honor
'cause we all are born sinners

~Regina Spektor

Love is the answer to a question that I have forgotten

~Regina Spektor

This is the way I want to die. Torn apart by angry fans who want me to
play a different song.

~Regina Spektor

I've done that kind of stuff in records, where you start going back and
you want to just redo everything, destroy everything, because you think
it all sucks and you can do it better.

~Regina Spektor

I also don't like to make really big records, because I feel then that the
songs don't get enough space to be themselves, so I would never want
to make a record that's like seventeen songs.

~Regina Spektor

If somebody wanted to go and find songs of mine to fill an iPod, that aren't on any records. They could probably find dozens of songs besides the ones that are on records.

~Regina Spektor

Somebody's got to tell all the people to be like the water

~Regina Spektor

Pickle jars are just pickle jars, and pickles are just pickles.

~Regina Spektor

No one's laughing at God -We're all laughing with God.

~Regina Spektor

We're trying to be faithful but we're cheating, cheating, cheating

~Regina Spektor

Maybe I am skipping over the city and going from very personal things to the world, from internal experience to giant, far-away-from-space experience.

~Regina Spektor

It's a privilege to work with an artist that you really care for.

~Regina Spektor

I don't think about, "How does this song that has more of an electronic mix prefix to a song that has a full orchestra next to a song that has other things?" I just work on it as-needed.

~Regina Spektor

I have this obsession with the '80s because I missed all of it.

~Regina Spektor

I have to work hard and organize myself so that I'm present and not a slacker.

~Regina Spektor

As you get older as an animal on the planet, you want to get a little more comfortable, you want to get cozier.

~Regina Spektor

It's painful to watch your parents not be in control of things.

~Regina Spektor

I think that I'm always going to think that it's silly to value certain things that no matter how many people find it really valuable, it's always just going to seem a little silly to me.

~Regina Spektor

I just love fiction. I love it.

~Regina Spektor

Part of you just has to be in service of processing things and getting them out.

~Regina Spektor

You ask a person what their personal favorite song on the album is, and it's literally the one with the least amount of listens if you looked at the statistics of it.

~Regina Spektor

I have the coolest parents.

~Regina Spektor

Art is arbitrary but it sort of reveals itself to be right or wrong anyway.

~Regina Spektor

I have my own tastes and I have my my own... like, I dunno. I think it's really subjective; something that I think is a great song, is unlistenable to somebody else, which I've come to realise.

~Regina Spektor

I hate picking favourite books. I usually tend to stay away from all the 'top record' and 'favourite song' and 'favourite book', and I just think it doesn't do any good for anybody.

~Regina Spektor

And people are just people, They shouldn't make you nervous. The world is everlasting, It's coming and it's going.

~Regina Spektor

Tomorrow you might get a phone call about something wonderful and you might get a phone call about something terrible.

~Regina Spektor

Maybe you should kiss someone who is nice, or lick a rock, or both.

~Regina Spektor

I just like being all over the place and writing whatever comes to mind. Having the tools? It's such a gift.

~Regina Spektor

I think that everything in this life is a story you know; our own narrative, our own history, it's all a story.

~Regina Spektor

Sometimes I make stuff, and even I don't like it. There's something about it that I don't really like, or annoys me. For whatever reason it needs to come out.

~Regina Spektor

You decide if you're ready for something. It can come in the guise of, "Oh, I don't think I like this."

~Regina Spektor

I think to me, all songs are stories.

~Regina Spektor

You are always growing, so maybe the way that you bring the songs forward and translate them is more mature.

~Regina Spektor

I started to write before I went to SUNY Purchase music conservatory. As an audition I submitted what I now think are really awful songs, but I guess they saw something in them.

~Regina Spektor

You can take art, you can have a baby, you can have a career.

~Regina Spektor

I'm much more into someone who is telling stories than somebody who is writing a record about their breakup. It's just more interesting for me.

~Regina Spektor

Never, never mind your bleeding heart.

~Regina Spektor

When I walk through the city, I just think that I see my family. I see us in everybody, you know? I see us.

~Regina Spektor

I am very close with my parents, they are very amazing, so loving, so cool, and really valued art.

~Regina Spektor

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