

# Rob Sheffield

## Quotes

*Song, Girl, Stars, Rocks, Tape, People, Years, Together, Heart, Jobs, Music,  
Summer, Memories, Pain, Character, Night, World, Lonely, Play, Boys*

When we die, we will turn into songs, and we will hear each other and remember each other.

~Rob Sheffield

In my headphones, I led a life of romance and incident and intrigue, none of which had anything to do with the world outside my Walkman.

~Rob Sheffield

Tonight, I feel like my whole body is made out of memories. I'm a mix-tape, a cassette that's been rewound so many times you can hear the fingerprints smudged on the tape.

~Rob Sheffield

Anyone watching '30 Rock' always knew Tina Fey was playing a fictionalized version of herself, a workaholic comedy writer who also plays one on TV. She's the boss; Liz Lemon just works here.

~Rob Sheffield

But bringing people together is what music has always done best.

~Rob Sheffield

Our lives were just beginning, our favorite moment was right now, our favorite songs were unwritten.

~Rob Sheffield

You can hear the Celtic heartbeat all over Europe and America, from Bing Crosby to Jack White, from the Smiths to My Bloody Valentine, from House of Pain to Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch.

~Rob Sheffield

Love dies in many different ways, and it's natural for the grass to seem greener on the other side. But it's not a competition; there's plenty of pain to go around.

~Rob Sheffield

Thanks to the greatest invention of recent years, the MP3-playing alarm clock, I can now choose the song that wakes me up in the morning.

~Rob Sheffield

There are all kinds of mix tapes. There is always a reason to make one.

~Rob Sheffield

It was like trying to break up with the color orange, or Wednesday, or silent e. It was the most passionate and tumultuous relationship I'd ever known.

~Rob Sheffield

When you stick a song on a tape, you set it free.

~Rob Sheffield

You can't beat the beehive for glam punkette attitude.

~Rob Sheffield

It takes only one bad amp to turn your ears to oatmeal: That's how old hippies became Yanni fans.

~Rob Sheffield

Every moment of my life has a soundtrack, so I never know when some song is going to jump me by surprise and bring the memory alive.

~Rob Sheffield

Every mix tape tells a story. Put them together, and they add up to the story of life.

~Rob Sheffield

It's kind of amazing how popular 'Grey's Anatomy' is. What other show can boast such an annoyingly sincere cast of doctors, sniveling through such perfunctory love triangles?

~Rob Sheffield

I realize that I will never fully understand the millions of bizarre ways that music brings people together.

~Rob Sheffield

Our amour fou with 'The Sopranos' is headed for long-term parking, like so many of its most memorable characters. We'll never see a show like this again.

~Rob Sheffield

Like most fans of 'So You Think You Can Dance,' I wouldn't know a pasodoble if it beat me with a rake.

~Rob Sheffield

Madonna was so flamboyant in terms of her look, her style, her public pronouncements, her religious taboo-smashing.

~Rob Sheffield

One nice thing about growing up Catholic is it makes you open-minded about other people's religions, since ours is nuttier than yours.

~Rob Sheffield

We all get as miserable as Erika M. Andersen sometimes, but we rarely approach her musical-ideas-per-miserable-minute ratio.

~Rob Sheffield

Most of an award-show host's job is showing up and keeping a cool head and soldiering through it, whether it's the Oscars or the Hallmark Channel's 'Hero Dog Awards.'

~Rob Sheffield

Nothing connects to the moment like music. I count the music to bring me back, or more precisely, to bring her forward.

~Rob Sheffield

Falling in love with Renee was not the kind of thing you walk away from in one piece. I had no chance. She put a hitch in my git-a-long.

~Rob Sheffield

I was totally clueless about social interaction, and completely scared of girls. All I knew was that music was going to make girls fall in love with me.

~Rob Sheffield

One of the billions of things I love about Beyonce: The harder she tries to come on crazy, the less crazy she sounds.

~Rob Sheffield

A song nobody likes is a sad thing. But a love song nobody likes is hardly a thing at all.

~Rob Sheffield

Rock stars did not invent burning out. They just do it louder.

~Rob Sheffield

'American Horror' is the debasement of the suburban family, the way a lonely kid would have imagined it in the Seventies.

~Rob Sheffield

Ronnie Spector's hair was taller and meaner and scarier than all four Shangri-La's combined, plus the drummer from the Honeycombs. You just know her rat-tail comb was a switchblade.

~Rob Sheffield

I will always love the Clash, because I loved them so much when I was fourteen, and I love how you can start a conversation with almost literally any dude about the Clash.

~Rob Sheffield

Celebrity despicability is a precious thing.

~Rob Sheffield

'Ill Tumble 4 Ya' has to be one of the most ridiculous hit singles that any international superstars have given the world.

~Rob Sheffield

I've built my whole life around loving music. I'm a writer for 'Rolling Stone,' so I am constantly searching for new bands and soaking up new sounds.

~Rob Sheffield

Donna Summer would be remembered as a ground-breaking artist today even if she'd retired the day after she recorded 'I Feel Love' in 1977.

~Rob Sheffield

'Drive,' that's the one. I love dozens of songs by R.E.M., but that's the one, even though it took me 7 or 8 years to start liking it.

~Rob Sheffield

Every American wants a clean slate, but nobody wants to lose what they've got.

~Rob Sheffield

Thank you for the music, Sleater-Kinney. This gang of three was the best American punk rock band ever. Ever.

~Rob Sheffield

'Revenge' is a shameless soap in the style of Eighties shoulder-pad slap-offs like 'Dallas,' 'Dynasty' and 'Falcon Crest.' Yet there's no wink-wink camp.

~Rob Sheffield

I had no voice to talk with because she was my whole language.

~Rob Sheffield

The hungry feeling and the lonely feeling merged until it was hard to tell them apart.

~Rob Sheffield

I'd shut the whole world down just to tell you.

~Rob Sheffield

I didn't know what I was. I didn't have a noun.

~Rob Sheffield

...some people aren't worth the trouble of being kind to, because they have neither the brains nor the power to make something for themselves out of your kindness.

~Rob Sheffield

Like any teenager who reads *The Great Gatsby*, probably, I was madly in love with the teacher who had opened it up for me.

~Rob Sheffield

Morrissey was my Mrs. Garrett, the house mother from the *Facts of Life*, a soothing adult figure giving me words of wisdom.

~Rob Sheffield

It was bewildering and humbling to keep discovering how many brave things people can fail to talk themselves out of doing.

~Rob Sheffield

Monogamous musicians are like vegan hockey players.

~Rob Sheffield

Girls take up a lot of room. I had a lot of room for this one.

~Rob Sheffield

It's always that one song that gets to you. You can hide, but the song comes to find you.

~Rob Sheffield

Sometimes great tunes happen to bad times, and when the bad time is over, not all the tunes get to move on with you.

~Rob Sheffield

But the rhythm of the mix tape is the rhythm of romance, the analog hum of a physical connection between two sloppy, human bodies.

~Rob Sheffield

But the answer is simple. Love is a mix tape.

~Rob Sheffield

You know the Prince song where the girl's phone rings but she tells him, "whoever's calling couldn't be as cute as you?" I long to live out this moment in real life.

~Rob Sheffield

If the girls keep dancing, everybody's happy. If the girls don't dance, nobody's happy.

~Rob Sheffield

One of Renee's friends asked her, "Does your boyfriend wear glasses?" She said, "No, he wears a Walkman.

~Rob Sheffield



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