

Rufus Wainwright

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I think the minute you mention death, people run for the hills - unless it's heavy metal. People do not like death.

~Rufus Wainwright

There's no life without humour. It can make the wonderful moments of life truly glorious, and it can make tragic moments bearable.

~Rufus Wainwright

I believe a lot of our lives are spent asleep, and what I've been trying to do is hold on to those moments when a little spark cuts through the fog and nudges you.

~Rufus Wainwright

Life is a game and true love is a trophy.

~Rufus Wainwright

I'm your knight in shining armor. I'm here to save you from Linkin Park.

~Rufus Wainwright

I've developed into quite a swan. I'm one of those people that will probably look better and better as I get older - until I drop dead of beauty.

~Rufus Wainwright

I was in the forest jumping around daffodils while everyone was high on heroin.

~Rufus Wainwright

Cigarettes and chocolate milk These are just a couple of my cravings
Everything it seems I like's a little bit stronger A little bit thicker A little bit harmful for me.

~Rufus Wainwright

I am always writing; if you want to survive in this business, you need to

keep working, keep creating and never stop the output.

~Rufus Wainwright

I like to make the mundane fabulous whenever I can.

~Rufus Wainwright

Being uncool is being pretty much the coolest you can be.

~Rufus Wainwright

I think we could all be a bit more elitist.

~Rufus Wainwright

All humans realize they are loved when witnessing the dawn; early morning is the triumph of good over evil. Absolved by light we decide to go on.

~Rufus Wainwright

Premiering a new opera is probably one of the hardest things in the world to do, and opening nights of any opera are always pretty stressful.

~Rufus Wainwright

I don't want to hold you and feel so helpless
I don't want to smell you and lose my senses
And smile in slow motion
With eyes in love.

~Rufus Wainwright

The thing I hate most is false modesty. The artists who are, like, "Oh, you know, I'm really not that good. Oh, I can't believe I'm here." I find it vaguely sinister, even.

~Rufus Wainwright

For me, the iPhone is harder than reading Faust.

~Rufus Wainwright

I really do fear that I'm dying I really do fear that I'm dead I saw it in your eyes what I'm looking for I saw it in your eyes what will make me live.

~Rufus Wainwright

All these poses of classical torture ruined my mind like a snake in the orchard. I did go from wanting to be someone, now I'm drunk and wearing flip-flops on Fifth Avenue.

~Rufus Wainwright

Some people go to Berlin to get more cutting edge; I went and started wearing lederhosen and going to visit baroque palaces.

~Rufus Wainwright

I am regarded as a usurper, as an imposter and dilettante, because I do technically come from the wrong side of the tracks in musical terms.

~Rufus Wainwright

I may not lead the most dramatic life, but in my brain it's 'War and Peace' everyday.

~Rufus Wainwright

Let the little fairy in you fly!

~Rufus Wainwright

I bemoan the fact that all my famous friends have places in St. Bart's and I have to go to Montauk.

~Rufus Wainwright

It seems like the older I get, the more unreal the world becomes.

~Rufus Wainwright

I am undefinable. I don't fit into any particular category.

~Rufus Wainwright

These are just the rules and regulations
Of the birds, and the bees
The earth, and the trees,
Not to mention the gods, not to mention the gods.

~Rufus Wainwright

Musically I'm able to keep going, because it's not about money and it's not about success. It's a challenge.

~Rufus Wainwright

I'm very much a romantic. I'm highly attuned to an older sensibility, which I believe is alive and well. We're not that far ahead of the Romantic Age in society.

~Rufus Wainwright

To me, songs come of their own volition - and with an open-ended philosophy.

~Rufus Wainwright

In the present world, this technological, psychotic, politicised, nonsensical world, you have to believe that the good guys are going to win! That evil will be banished somehow!

~Rufus Wainwright

When I'm in the classical world, I really treat it as exactly classical and I don't try and spruce it up or jazz it up or make it easier for the masses.

~Rufus Wainwright

Wouldn't Ponochio II be a great musical, now that he has to face the real world and get a wife... job. Now he wants to be a toy again.

~Rufus Wainwright

But I don't even think you hear me at all
Under your medieval ceiling
behind your biblical wall

~Rufus Wainwright

Prima Donna is my kind of love song to opera but it's not the full experience.

~Rufus Wainwright

My mother and father could not handle even me being gay. We never talked about it really.

~Rufus Wainwright

I don't really have a relationship with the guitar; it's like my slutty lover, whereas I'm married to the piano

~Rufus Wainwright

Madonna created a monster that sucks up souls.

~Rufus Wainwright

My cheeks explode when I smile. That's why I have to look so nonplussed.

~Rufus Wainwright

Somebody curse the light And take me far away from myself

~Rufus Wainwright

One day you will come to Montauk and see your dad playing the piano
And see your other dad wearing glasses Hope that you will want to stay
for a while Don't worry I know you'll have to go

~Rufus Wainwright

But I want to deepen as an artist, and working with Shakespeare definitely points in that direction.

~Rufus Wainwright

A diaper is as inspiring as a drink.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have a three-year-old daughter, which makes me more environmentally conscious. For me, it's about the future.

~Rufus Wainwright

I do not consider myself a guitar player. My father is a guitar player - I'm not.

~Rufus Wainwright

I find so many songwriters today are missing an element ... either the production is amazing but the songs aren't, or it's the other way around.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have a good face for what I do.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have an ounce of Lady Gaga's full-bodied ambition.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have earned hundreds of thousands of pounds, but I can't seem to get to grips with money.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have managed to eke out a good and substantial existence. I'm not shoveling gold bricks or anything, but I do very, very well.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have never cooked a meal in my life and always end up paying for dozens of people to eat with me.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have this horrible, horrible habit of going on YouTube and checking out comments about what I do.

~Rufus Wainwright

I like to try new things.

~Rufus Wainwright

I definitely try to broaden the scope of music. I don't know if it's pop or classical or what, but I'm religiously challenging myself all the time, for better or for worse.

~Rufus Wainwright

I will take my coffee black / never snack / hang with the wolves who are sheepish.

~Rufus Wainwright

I've paid the price; I definitely have a reputation that precedes me, and there is a camp that plots my demise. But then again... it's funner that way.

~Rufus Wainwright

Life is the longest death in California.

~Rufus Wainwright

I very much faced my mother's death with hard, arduous and time-consuming labor. The more I would do, the less I would feel.

~Rufus Wainwright

I want to carve out a serious period of time to focus on the next opera without any distractions. And to do that you need money.

~Rufus Wainwright

I was reared on folk music.

~Rufus Wainwright

I'm hyper light-sensitive and must sleep in the equivalent of a sealed tomb.

~Rufus Wainwright

I've always gravitated towards opera, and the Royal Opera House is quite possibly the greatest opera house on earth.

~Rufus Wainwright

I've been thinking of trying my hand at rap. I've been recording snippets on my BlackBerry.

~Rufus Wainwright

There is this church that I go to a lot in New York. I'm not religious but I love lighting candles and stuff. I find it useful.

~Rufus Wainwright

Unless I have my aunt or my boyfriend to take care of me, I'm a little pathetic.

~Rufus Wainwright

You get to a certain age, and you feel the need to reward yourself just for existing.

~Rufus Wainwright

I am under no illusion that I will ever be the greatest opera composer in the world, with Wagner and Verdi and Strauss before me. I think my work could fit very nicely into musicals, though.

~Rufus Wainwright

I think everybody identified at a pretty young age that I was fairly entranced with myself. And that I had to be tempered.

~Rufus Wainwright

I still believe that love is the most powerful force in the world, even though I am yet to experience it fully.

~Rufus Wainwright

The moment something happens to one you love, it's twenty times

more intense. You experience pain and enlightenment on a much vaster scale.

~Rufus Wainwright

Everything I do, I feel is genius. Whether it is or it isn't.

~Rufus Wainwright

After years of hotels, I'm horribly inept at cleaning up after myself.

~Rufus Wainwright

As an artist, you put so much into what you do and it can all be torn down in a nanosecond.

~Rufus Wainwright

I came out of the closet very young, and I had to cut my teeth pretty fast.

~Rufus Wainwright

I could always escape into this demi-monde of homosexuality, which I feel really indebted to. It stopped me being a 'mummy's boy.'

~Rufus Wainwright

One of the main destructive forces within our family has been these runaway egos. I think if you look at any show business family, that struggle exists.

~Rufus Wainwright

Mowing your lawn is against nature.

~Rufus Wainwright

I like to sing to Verdi, I like singing to Sibelius, and Mahler maybe.

~Rufus Wainwright

I've written songs for Shirley Bassey, Marianne Faithfull, and Linda

Thompson. I sort of focus on these wonderful, aging divas. But maybe that's because I think I'm Christina Aguilera.

~Rufus Wainwright

And I am left behind Corrupted crushed and blind All for a dream That in truth was never really mine.

~Rufus Wainwright

I wish I could just relax sometimes and make some money, but I always feel like I have to prove some kind of big, profound point.

~Rufus Wainwright

Once illness strikes, you realize there's not a lot of time for you to do what you really need to do. And there's no time like the present.

~Rufus Wainwright

My mother had a lot of parties when I was a child. There'd always be a moment when she would place me on the upright piano and have me sing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.

~Rufus Wainwright

I love being not cool.

~Rufus Wainwright

I'm very fit on tour. I try to eat well, try to sleep. But it's still rock n' roll.

~Rufus Wainwright

I think I've done a pretty fantastic job, but of course I want to sell millions of records.

~Rufus Wainwright

I think my mother, more than anyone, knew the importance of inspiration. If it was occurring, you had to use it.

~Rufus Wainwright

I'm not a terrible smoker, actually. My major addiction, which is horrible, is straight boys.

~Rufus Wainwright

My dad and I have always been somewhat competitive.

~Rufus Wainwright

I like to think of myself as a combination of Sid Vicious and Virgil Thompson

~Rufus Wainwright

I'll be honest, I worry sometimes about what I've done. I have tied my whole person to my art and, whatever it takes to get that hook, I will go there and do it.

~Rufus Wainwright

I believe in freedom Freedom's apparently all I need But who's ever been free in this world? Who has never had to bleed in this world?

~Rufus Wainwright

I definitely have a Luddite's approach to what's going on. I find that as I get older, I get stupider.

~Rufus Wainwright

I have a lot of advantages: I'm not addicted to horrifying pills. I also have surrounded myself with far more caring and upright individuals. And I wasn't abused as a child, so I'm doing okay!

~Rufus Wainwright

Yes, I'm a homosexual and I like to shock people with glamour.

~Rufus Wainwright

Writing an opera and premiering in England, you could say I was going right into the eye of the storm and I came out successfully. A little

tattered and bruised, but so what, I made it.

~Rufus Wainwright

In retrospect, I'm really shocked at how far I put my heart out there on the line with 'Prima Donna'. I seem to have this knack for being able to accomplish that.

~Rufus Wainwright

Places that have experienced great defeat experience a kind of rebirth, which I think America has to do - unless we want to get more decrepit. I don't think we have to destroy the place totally.

~Rufus Wainwright

Putting all of my time In learning to care
And a bucket of rhymes I threw
up somewhere
Want a locket of who
Made me lose my perfunctory
view
Of all that is around
And of all that I do.

~Rufus Wainwright

When it came to using elements of your personal life in your work, my mother was the master, or the mistress. There were three or four songs she wrote about my father - songs about failed love.

~Rufus Wainwright

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