

Shane MacGowan

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Cram as much pleasure as you can into life, and rail against the pain that you have to suffer as a result.

~Shane MacGowan

I drink because I'm thirsty.

~Shane MacGowan

I've been a babe magnet for quite a while now.

~Shane MacGowan

You can't hate people unless you love them.

~Shane MacGowan

Everyone drinks.....Well, unless they don't.

~Shane MacGowan

There is drinking in lots of the songs because there is drinking in life. Drinking stimulates the imagination.

~Shane MacGowan

When I'm writing a song, it gives me more actual pleasure to hear someone else sing it than do it meself.

~Shane MacGowan

I'm not so much a rock star, d'ya know what I mean? I play Irish music. There's really no age when you stop playing Irish music. Even if I retired from playing onstage, I'd still be singing in pubs.

~Shane MacGowan

I don't believe in the Holy Trinity - but I do believe in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spook is just a friendly way of saying Holy Ghost.

~Shane MacGowan

There's an art to playing live. It's a great feeling. It's indescribable. It's

what I love. I wouldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it.

~Shane MacGowan

I play Irish popular music, yeah? Calling it folk is like putting it in a box. It's a living tradition, you know?

~Shane MacGowan

What I do is I'm a bandleader, frontman, entertainer.

~Shane MacGowan

I'm not going to waste my time trying 'break' America, you know what I mean? Too many people have died trying to break America. America doesn't break unless it wants to.

~Shane MacGowan

My dad has no control over who works with me. Me, me and me alone has to take responsibility for anything.

~Shane MacGowan

Petitions are ridiculous.

~Shane MacGowan

I hate the bloody highways. I hate hamburgers, I hate Greyhound buses. I'd have liked to have been in America during the Jazz Age, or the Golden Age of Hollywood.

~Shane MacGowan

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