

# Tina Weymouth

## Quotes

*Music, People, Art, Change, Hard, Rocks, Goes On, Sometimes, Thinking,  
Bass, Important, Guitar, Keys, Passion, Safety, Light, Way, Trapped, Language,  
Keep Learning*

I wasn't originally a bass player. I just found out I was needed, because everyone wants to play guitar.

~Tina Weymouth

Sometimes you don't want to be a slapstick clown in order to convey a funny perception of the world.

~Tina Weymouth

When Talking Heads started, we called ourselves Thinking Man's Dance Music.

~Tina Weymouth

Even the Beatles found it hard to escape their image; they were trapped by it.

~Tina Weymouth

If you have this passion for music, you don't stop doing it - it chooses you and doesn't release you.

~Tina Weymouth

It's a cruel, heartless world out there in commercial rock 'n' roll, and when you take as much time off as we did, eight years, booking agents don't know if you'll draw.

~Tina Weymouth

I'm not going to hold my breath because life goes on. Life is too short to sit around moaning about what could have been or what was.

~Tina Weymouth

Art is not predictable. Art is not golf, as great as that may be. There are 360 degrees of choice to make.

~Tina Weymouth

There are no more barbershop quartets wearing boaters, even though I

still like them. Life goes on.

~Tina Weymouth

We don't always know what we're doing. We often just get excited, put something down, and say, 'Oh, neat'.

~Tina Weymouth

We groove off of everything, any sort of live show. The inner dialogue you're having with yourself, between you and the music, is for me the search for God.

~Tina Weymouth

It's hard to be perfect, It really is. I keep learning things after I've already bungled it.

~Tina Weymouth

We always thought the Tom Tom Club could change to anything, but it acquired this image, which was cartoon animation and this real light-hearted dance music.

~Tina Weymouth

We had our unhappy moments but they got channelled into the kind of sadness that was necessary for singing a song about going nowhere. So it worked out very well I think.

~Tina Weymouth

I play bass. I don't have to go out there and screech.

~Tina Weymouth

Many Japanese painters and calligraphers would change their names intentionally to keep their relationship to the art always fresh. This way, others' expectations can be avoided.

~Tina Weymouth

We wore our safety pins on the inside of our clothes.

~Tina Weymouth

I like the idea of Wild Infancy, of people who have a deprived background, of starting out wild.

~Tina Weymouth

I would really love to work with Paul McCartney. Isn't that arrogant?

~Tina Weymouth

It's just such a pleasure to bring a talent you respect to the world.

~Tina Weymouth

I don't want to wreck my voice. I love to concentrate on playing the bass and keeping it very rock-solid. If I were singing, I would have blown out my voice.

~Tina Weymouth

Being able to allow people to be who they are without trying to change them is important.

~Tina Weymouth

In Europe they understand that the arts are incredibly important both culturally and economically.

~Tina Weymouth

Sometimes, you have to go through a phase whether you like it or not.

~Tina Weymouth

You learn just as much from your failures. Sometimes you love your failures even more.

~Tina Weymouth

Richard Lloyd of Television is one of my favorite guitarists. His mentor

was Jimi Hendrix when he was just 14. Jimi was always pounding everything he knew into that kid.

~Tina Weymouth

Tom Tom Club has a whole different attitude and approach, not just musically but in performance. Some people said they liked it.

~Tina Weymouth

We don't really have more than a couple of solos. It's just the way our music is put together.

~Tina Weymouth

Generosity is the key to all relationships. To friendships and bands. That's the golden rule.

~Tina Weymouth

I tend to like people that are generous and give other people the benefit of the doubt.

~Tina Weymouth

Make it, not make it? What's the difference? Music is a language, it's a dance of life, and it can be a part of your life without being something that earns.

~Tina Weymouth

Stick to your instincts.

~Tina Weymouth

I have respect for those who make money at art and do it well and smartly, because that commercial aspect keeps the world going and running, in a sense.

~Tina Weymouth

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