

Tracy Chapman Quotes

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I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives.

~Tracy Chapman

I dressed up as a veterinarian for a Halloween costume party. I had the lab coat. I got a couple of stuffed animals for patients and put bandages on them.

~Tracy Chapman

There's a power in words. There's a power in being able to explain and describe and articulate what you know and feel and believe about the world, and about yourself.

~Tracy Chapman

At this point in my life I'd like to live as if only love mattered.

~Tracy Chapman

So don't be tempted by the shiny apple
Don't you eat of a bitter fruit
Hunger only for a taste of justice
Hunger only for a world of truth 'Cause
all that you have is your soul.

~Tracy Chapman

We all must live our lives always feeling, always thinking the moment has arrived.

~Tracy Chapman

I don't try to project any image at all, other than the person that I am.

~Tracy Chapman

Why do babies starve /When there's enough food to feed the world
/Why when there's so many of us /Are there people still alone

~Tracy Chapman

We are the spirit, the collective conscience. We create the pain, and

suffering, and beauty in this world.

~Tracy Chapman

You have to pay attention to the moment and make it the best it can be for you. I've been trying to do that. It's really made a major difference for me. I'm a happier person.

~Tracy Chapman

I'll toss my coins in the fountain, Look for clovers in grassy lawns
Search for shooting stars in the night Cross my fingers and dream on.

~Tracy Chapman

Renounce all those material things that you gained by exploiting other human beings.

~Tracy Chapman

Love is hate War is Peace No is Yes And we're all free.

~Tracy Chapman

This youthful heart can love you and give you what you need, but I'm too old to go chasing you around wasting my precious energy.

~Tracy Chapman

It's time to start all over/make a new beginning.

~Tracy Chapman

Consume more than you need This is the dream Make you pauper Or
make you queen I won't die lonely I'll have it all prearranged A grave
that's deep and wide enough For me and all my mountains o'things

~Tracy Chapman

You got a fast car But is it fast enough so we can fly away We gotta
make a decision We leave tonight or live and die this way.

~Tracy Chapman

I may be revered or defamed and decried; But I tried to live my life right.

~Tracy Chapman

A lot of kids spent more time out of school than in, but I always loved school and thought it was my way out of Cleveland, and out of poverty.

~Tracy Chapman

After it's finished, sometimes I can trace a path that goes back to the possible source of inspiration.

~Tracy Chapman

People's real hopes and dreams can be distorted and misdirected and packaged until you're not sure what you really want or what you even really need.

~Tracy Chapman

Words don't come easily, like forgive me.

~Tracy Chapman

I'm not sure about anything as far as religion and spirituality go.

~Tracy Chapman

Songwriting is a very mysterious process. It feels like creating something from nothing. It's something I don't feel like I really control.

~Tracy Chapman

Some things remain fragments, just the lyrics and melodies or a line or two or a verse.

~Tracy Chapman

I picked up the guitar at 11, but even before then, I was writing songs on the organ.

~Tracy Chapman

I'm never sure if I'll ever write another song, what the song will be about and if what initially sparked the beginning of a song might complete it.

~Tracy Chapman

With other people, you're always swapping music. Somebody is always listening to something you've never heard. It's a great way to hear all sorts of new things.

~Tracy Chapman

I don't want someone to squeeze me, that might take away my life. Just want someone to hold me, and we'll rock through the night.

~Tracy Chapman

Have faith in humankind a respect for what is earthly and an unfaltering belief in peace and understanding

~Tracy Chapman

I think many people would say that writers like Stephen King have hypergraphia.

~Tracy Chapman

We have more media than ever and more technology in our lives. It's supposed to help us communicate, but it has the opposite effect of isolating us.

~Tracy Chapman

Everyone is looking for connections between the songs. I don't usually approach a record as a concept. There's no overriding theme I'm trying to represent. It's all about the individual songs.

~Tracy Chapman

I think it's important, if you are an artist, to use your music to stand up for what you believe in.

~Tracy Chapman

I see some recurring themes: things that feel threaded together, some symbolic references, and songs about some of the big questions, like death. There are a lot of references to weather, too!

~Tracy Chapman

As a child I spent a lot of time at the library.

~Tracy Chapman

Love's a recurring theme through my work.

~Tracy Chapman

I'm still thinking and hoping there's an opportunity for people to have better lives and that significant change can occur.

~Tracy Chapman

I got a plan to get out of here, I've been working at a convenient store.

~Tracy Chapman

I often write either really early in the morning, or really late at night.

~Tracy Chapman

I meet people in my daily life, people who seem to experience some change and some growth on a personal level, and that gives me hope.

~Tracy Chapman

When you feel like you've had a good show, you go backstage and you talk to yourself about it, and if you have a bad show you talk to yourself about it.

~Tracy Chapman

Growing up in Cleveland, I learned about singing from my mother, who had once sung professionally and who admired Mahalia Jackson and Aretha Franklin.

~Tracy Chapman

My old man's got a problem, he lives with the bottle.

~Tracy Chapman

I found myself in the middle of a race riot when I was about 14 years old, and I found someone pointing a gun at me and telling me to run or they'd shoot me.

~Tracy Chapman

Now love's the only thing that's free /We must take it where it's found
/Pretty soon it may be costly

~Tracy Chapman

I learn all these things about the record talking about it after it's finished.

~Tracy Chapman

I end up writing about all kinds of things. I never make an attempt to write about anything in particular. I don't have a little list of topics to write about.

~Tracy Chapman

I love living in California and being able to go to the beach or go to the woods.

~Tracy Chapman

I really love playing music with other people. It's more fun to be on the road with others. It's kind of lonely out there when you play on your own!

~Tracy Chapman

Men are able to sustain a career into their 50s and 60s and still present themselves as sex symbols. With women, on the other hand, people say, 'Why doesn't she retire?'

~Tracy Chapman

Who took away the part so essential to the whole
Left you a hollow body
Skin and bone.

~Tracy Chapman

I never assumed I would have that commercial success, so it was a total surprise. And honestly, I never assumed that it would ever happen again.

~Tracy Chapman

I'm not sure if the next song I write is going to be about love or a song about a tree.

~Tracy Chapman

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