## AIN'T THAT A FACT

# We're just a bunch of crummy musicians really.

#### George Harrison, radio interview, 1962

l couldn't go pop with a mouthful of firecrackers. Waylon Jennings

ln a word, l'm boring. Randy Newman

We're Pat Boone, only a little cleaner. Richard Carpenter

l was always a freak. Never a hippie, but always a freak. Frank Zappa

I'm weird, I really don't play a lot. Most people think that I probably go home to some guitar shop in the sky and practise all day.

### l'm not nervous, l'm just quick. Johnny Cash

I don't like to be called Elvis the Pelvis ... I mean, it's one of the most childish expressions I ever heard coming from an adult. But, uh, if they want to call me that, I mean there's nothing I can do about it.

#### Elvis Presley

I didn't really want to become a hit pop writer . . . I would have loved to have been the guy who thought up the Guinness Book of Records. **Tim Rice** 

What we do is derivative, very derivative. Mick Jagger

I want to tell the world how the guy in the filling station feels.

John D. Loudermilk

l was just a hired guitar player when we started.

Keith Richard

l was always the seven stone weakling. Eric Clapton

Every time folks start to fix up my talkin', it messes with my singin'. Loretta Lynn

l was always better at naming groups and designing albums. John Entwhistle

There was a big rumour at Newport in 1965 that I cried when I was booed. I didn't know enough to. **Bob Dylan** 

We always knew something would happen sooner or later. We always had this blind Bethlehem star ahead of us. Fame is what everyone wants, in some form or another. Paul McCartney

We didn't set out to look like deranged bank clerks.

Lee Brilleaux, Dr. Feelgood

l'm not a crooner — l'm just a song salesman. Frankie Vaughan, 1959

My scalp is so sensitive . . . I go crazy when anybody grabs my hair. **David Cassidy** 

## PAIN IN MY HEART



It really bothers me that a twerp like Jagger can parade around and convince everyone that he's Satan. **Ry Cooder** 

It will give me great pleasure to tell the public that Mick Jagger is not God Junior. **Bill Graham, promoter** 

Bill Graham may be an asshole, but he gave me some of the best years of my life. Anonymous tribute sent into KSAN Radio, San Francisco

David Cassidy is like a male Ann-Margaret.

Anonymous, quoted in 'Rolling Stone' Magazine

Mick Jagger moves like a parody between a majorette girl and Fred Astaire. Truman Capote

Mick Jagger — isn't he that motorcycle rider?

#### Gerald Ford

He may be the Prince of Darkness to you, but over here he's just one of the fellas.

Lillian Roxon's lead for a piece on the Rolling Stones 1972 tour of the U.S.A.

That cunt is a great entertainer. Bill Graham on Mick Jagger Mick Jagger loves to humiliate people, but he was nice to me because he needed the music.

#### Ry Cooder

The Rolling Stones are on a really bad trip. They're on a nonsence trip. Their trip is as disgusting as Nixon's. **Steve Miller** 

l'll never be a star like Jimi Hendrix or Bob Dylan. I figured out why — because l tell the truth. If they want to know who l am, they ask me and I tell them. Janis Joplin

Quite simply, I personally feel that the Stones are the world's best rock 'n' roll band.

#### Pete Townshend

When I get up in the morning I listen to Vivaldi and 'Marvin Gaye's Greatest Hits'.

#### Mick Jagger

Mick Jagger is more of a showman than I am. And I'm more of a singer than he is. That's not a put-down of either of us. **Rod Stewart** 

Mick Jagger is the perfect pop star. There's nobody more perfect than Jagger. He's rude, he's ugly-attractive, he's brilliant. The Rolling Stones are the perfect pop group — they don't give a shit.

#### Elton John

I'm tired of Janis Joplin stories. It's always the same damn thing.

#### 'Esquire' Magazine editor

None of them can follow me, including Tom Jones. I cut his ass down too. And he knows it, 'cos I taught him what he knows. Love him like a brother, but I don't want him to forget who the old master is.

#### Jerry Lee Lewis

Sonny and Cher are a drag. A guy gets kicked out of a restaurant and he went home and wrote a song about it. **Bob Dylan** 

You'd think he had the decency to collect my stuff the way I collect him. A. J. Weberman, Dylanologist, on discovering some of his own writings while investigating Bob Dylan's garbage

## PAIN IN MY HEART



He was like a young beautiful green fern, unfurling . . now he's grown into a pliable, firm plant.

Gloria Stavers, editor of 'Sixteen Magazine' on David Cassidy

Alice Cooper are the worst, most disgusting side of rock music. Lou Reed l don't know John Lennon. The last thing he said to me was 'Fuck off'. Ray Davies

Pete Townshend is . . . so talentless, and as a lyricist he's so profoundly untalented and, you know, philosophically boring to say the least . . . Lou Reed

## FOR A FEW DOLLARS MORE

l better start worrying when they don't bother me any more. Elvis Presley

My world is very small. Money can't really improve it any. Money can just keep it from being smothered. **Bob Dylan** 

Listen, if they're going to buy lunch-boxes, they may as well buy David Cassidy lunch-boxes. David Cassidy

I was 62 the day they had the premiere of 'Hard Day's Night' and we all went to the Dorchester. Then Paul handed me a big parcel and I opened it and it was a picture of a horse. So I said 'Very nice' but I thought what do I want with a picture of a horse? Then Paul must have seen my face because he said 'It's not just a picture, dad, I've bought you the bloody horse.'

#### James McCartney

I watch my kruger-rands going up and down on the international market and I study gold prices, though it's not such a good time to buy right now . . . Carl Palmer, Emerson Lake and Palmer, 1977 If we're selling something, it's good. We're selling escapism. Relief from nine till five problems . . . people take Valium, people buy records . . . we reach the masses, we have fun and that is valid. I sleep very soundly. **Paul Stanley, Kiss** 

Six million, a hundred million, it's all an illusion. It doesn't mean that much to me, really. I mean, who else is there to go and see.

Bob Dylan, on the ticket applications for his I 974 tour — 6 million for only 660,000 seats

We broke Lawrence Welk's attendance record in Abilene, Texas, and I'm very proud of that.

Gene Simmons, Kiss

About all I'll end up with is a white suit and a thousand dollars.

Mick Jagger on the Stones 1975 Tour of America, for which he actually earned around \$450,000

What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between he does what he wants to.

