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They said it.....



Q10: AS A MUSICIAN AND A PARENT, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT EXPLICIT LYRICS IN MUSIC?

I think you must be referring to a lot of the rap songs whose lyrics are offensive to me, although I do like the music very much. When listening to rap, I pay no attention to the lyrics. As a parent, I've tried to keep my kids away from songs and lyrics that I personally find offensive.

(From Neil Diamond's website)



Ara Jansen, The West Australian Newspapers, reports a few years ago about noted and successful musician, Don McLean, "American Pie" who said that "we want them to use their minds (referring to his children), we want to keep pop culture as far away from them as possible". "The people involved in promoting so much of this stuff really view young kids as suckers. These rock stars are making money and the kids are taking it seriously". "I have great discussions like this with rock 'n' roll stars who have young kids, and they don't want them around that either. Roger Daltry (The Who) was on a TV show with me some time ago. He has young children and says he doesn't want his kids around rock 'n' roll"