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### A Random Autobiography

I started playing guitar when I was eleven but I still get nervous playing songs in front of students.

I'd like to have coffee with Jesus Christ and talk about people, goodness, and the earth.

While both mountain biking and road riding have their adherents, I cannot choose one over the other; I love them both.

I believe that all people are born completely good, but we have hurts that never got to heal and that's where all human badness comes from.

My first concert was the Rolling Stones at Candlestick Park in 1981.

I've had two surgeries in my life and I am now appendix- and wisdom-tooth free.

I was knocked out when I was hit in the head with a baseball bat at the age of eight; the world closed around me & I was enveloped in darkness, but it felt OK.

My favorite place on Earth is on my bicycle.

I'm the youngest child in my family.

My Mom is my hero: she's a cancer survivor, a recovered alcoholic, an 82-year-old woman who acts like she's 50, and has both an iron will and a kind personality.

I may look all of my 47 years, but I still feel like a kid inside.

I am fascinated by bottlenose dolphins and sharks.

After my high school graduation, I traveled alone around Europe with a backpack and a guitar.

Steroid allegations be darned; Barry Bonds is my favorite baseball player.

My biggest fear is that something will happen to my wife or my daughters.

I rode my bike from Portland to Washington, D.C., in the summer of 1988.

This is my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a teacher.

The only sport I was good at in high school was running, so I ran a lot and finished second in the MCAL cross-country finals in 1982.

I love spring, when the world reawakens and I start to feel like I have an endless ocean of energy inside me.

My favorite color is periwinkle – a blue like the Caribbean Sea.

My wife is also my best friend.

The weirdest food I've ever eaten is sea urchin.

I am not religious, but I am spiritual and I see god in everything.

I love to barbeque salmon.

I may or may not have an unhealthy obsession with coffee.

The scariest thing I've ever done is to have children.

Even though I've gone to college and grad school and I now teach English, I have always been a slow reader.

I went to over 60 Grateful Dead concerts before Jerry Garcia died & the band folded.

I worked in Alaska for two summers while I was in college, and I could read the newspaper by the twilight until 11:45pm.