

THE GREATEST ARTIST OF OUR TIME



DAVID BOWIE

- Birth date: 8 January 1947
- Birthplace: London, UK
- Date of death: 10 January 2016
- Place of death: NY, USA



WHO IS HE?



- English singer
- Song writer
- Record producer
- Painter
- Actor

MYSTERY OF HIS NAME

David Jones



Tom Jones



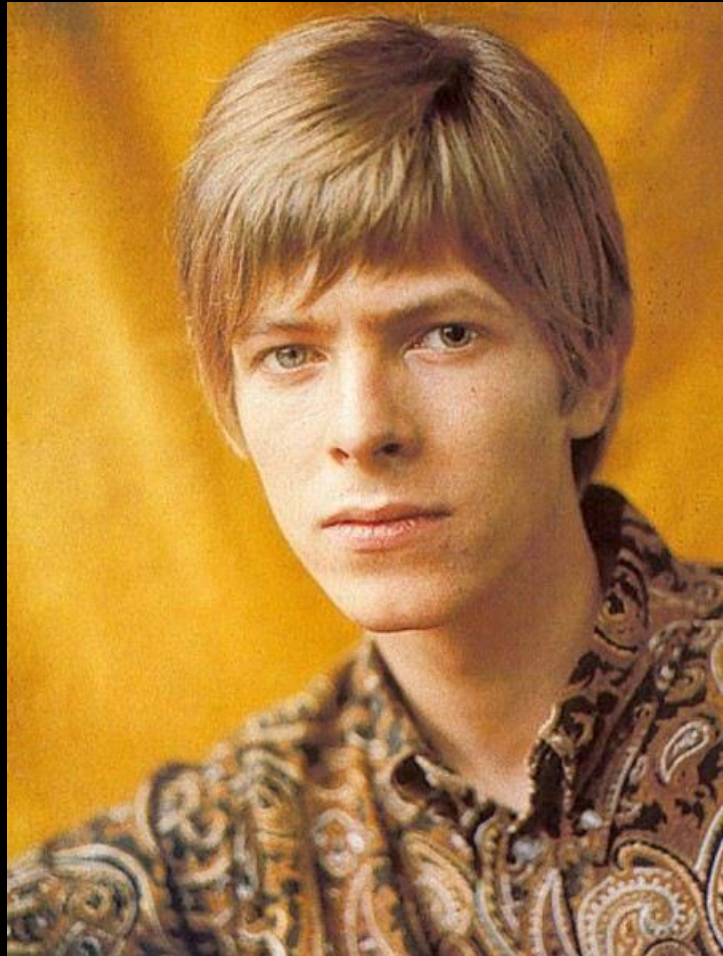
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David Bowie



CHILDHOOD



- He grew up in postwar UK.
- Life there was quiet and dull.
- He was hooked on American music.
- The music brought some colours into his life.

ZIGGY STARDUST

- He didn't enjoy performing as David Bowie, because he felt shy. So he invented a character, and played him during the performances. Ziggy was his alter-ego.



- His performances as Ziggy were really extravagant with big costume changes, make up and all sorts of rude and lewd acts on stage.



WHY DO YOU LIKE DAVID BOWIE?

«You never get bored listening to him, he was pretty experimental...»

«His music was never dull...»

MUSIC

- He could take very abstract art and bring it to a wide audience.
His songs weren't just disposable trash.
His music is pure pop art.
He was a mainstream pop artist and a radical avant-gardist as well.



NEW CHARACTERS

- Aladdin Sane looked a bit like Ziggy, but he was darker and even more mysterious.



- The Thin White Duke was extremely debonair and suave looking.
- He wore sharp suits and walked around with a cane.
- He yet was very thin and bony.



APPEARANCE



- A lot of what musicians and fashion designers did the 1980s, Bowie had already done in the 70s.

- He had classical good looks, but there was something alien about him, like he might have come from outer space.





- Being a David Bowie fan was a statement of liberty and freedom.

PRIVATE LIFE

- He was married twice.
- He had two children: a boy and a girl from different women.



DAVID AND ANGELA

- Angie was only 19 when she met Bowie in London in 1969. The pair were married one year later and a year after that welcomed their son, Duncan Jones.
- David and Angela Bowie were married for 10 years. They divorced in 1980.



DAVID AND DUNCAN

- «He was just a wonderful guy and father. He gave me the time and the support to find my feet and the confidence to do what I do myself»



DRUGS

- Why was he so thin?
- Bowie took a lot of cocaine in the 70s. Paranoia, weird eating habits, alcohol, obsessions. He was incredibly thin and seemed to be quite out of his mind during that period. He wasn't sure where Ziggy or Aladdin Sane ended and David Bowie began. He lost a sense of who he really was.



DAVID AND IMAN



- Bowie found love again in 1990 when he locked eyes with Somali-born model
- «My attraction to her was immediate I couldn't sleep for the excitement of our first date»