



# DAVID BOWIE



## Timeline

1947	1969	1972	1977	1986	2016
Born in Brixton, London	' <i>Space Oddity</i> ' becomes a famous song.	Bowie creates Ziggy Stardust and gets worldwide fame	Moves to Berlin, Germany	Stars as the Goblin King in the film ' <i>Labyrinth</i> '	Dies in New York, U.S.A.

## Key Songs

<i>Space Oddity</i>	1969 - The song came out 5 days before the Apollo 11 launch when astronauts landed on the moon.
<i>Starman</i>	1972 - A song about Bowie's character 'Ziggy Stardust' bringing a message of hope to Earth.
<i>Heroes</i>	1977 - A story about two people in love divided by a giant wall.
<i>Under Pressure</i>	1981 - A pop song written and sung with Freddie Mercury (Queen)
<i>Let's Dance</i>	1983 - A number 1 hit in the U.K. and U.S.A.

David Bowie was born David Robert Jones. He changed his name because there was already a famous musician called Davey Jones!

## The Importance of Bowie

### Characters

David Bowie is best known for performing as different characters. Some of his characters included Ziggy Stardust, Halloween Jack and the Thin White Duke.

### Acting

Bowie was also a good actor. He starred with the Muppets as the Goblin King in *Labyrinth*. He then played an alien from outer space in *The Man Who Fell to Earth* and introduced the cartoon *The Snowman*.

## Key Events

### Top of the Pops

David Bowie performed '*Starman*' as Ziggy Stardust on the show 'Top of the Pops' in 1972. It led many to say Starman was his greatest ever song.

### Glastonbury Festival

David Bowie headlined the Glastonbury Festival in 2000. The show is now thought of as one of the greatest Glastonbury shows of all time.

