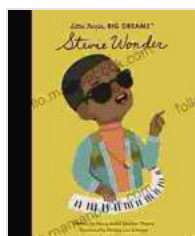


Stevie Wonder: The Little Boy Who Dreamed of Music and Inspired the World

Stevie Wonder is a true icon of the music world. His incredible talent, coupled with his unwavering determination and passion for music, has made him one of the most celebrated artists of all time. His journey from a humble beginning to becoming a global superstar is a testament to the power of dreams and the resilience of the human spirit.

Early Life and Struggles

Stevland Hardaway Judkins was born on May 13, 1950, in Saginaw, Michigan. He was born prematurely, weighing just one pound and 12 ounces. As a result of being born prematurely, he developed retinopathy of prematurity, which led to his blindness. Despite his challenges, Stevie showed an early passion for music. He began playing the piano at the age of four and soon mastered several other instruments, including the harmonica, drums, and bass guitar.



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Stevie's musical talent was evident from an early age. At the age of 11, he signed with Motown Records and released his first single, "Fingertips, Pt. 2." The song was a huge hit, reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. This marked the beginning of a remarkable career that would span decades and produce countless hit songs.

Musical Triumphs

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Stevie Wonder released a string of hit albums and singles that cemented his status as a musical icon. Albums such as "Talking Book" (1972), "Innervisions" (1973), and "Songs in the Key of Life" (1976) showcased his incredible songwriting skills and his ability to blend different musical styles, including soul, funk, R&B, and jazz.

Stevie Wonder's music was not only commercially successful but also critically acclaimed. He won numerous Grammy Awards, including a record-breaking 25 competitive awards. His songs have been covered by countless artists, and he has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Beyond Music

Stevie Wonder's influence extends far beyond the world of music. He is also a passionate activist for social justice and equality. He has been involved in numerous campaigns to raise awareness about issues such as poverty, racism, and disability rights.

In 1985, Stevie Wonder wrote and recorded the song "I Just Called to Say I Love You" for the movie "The Woman in Red." The song became a worldwide hit and won an Academy Award for Best Original Song. It is one

of Stevie Wonder's most beloved songs and a perfect example of his ability to write songs that are both personal and universal.

Legacy and Impact

Stevie Wonder's legacy is one of musical excellence, social activism, and unwavering determination. He is an inspiration to people around the world, young and old, able-bodied and disabled. His story is a reminder that anything is possible if you have a dream and the courage to pursue it.

Stevie Wonder continues to be an active force in music and in the world. He continues to release new music and perform live, and he remains a vocal advocate for social justice and equality. He is a true icon and a global treasure.

Quotes by Stevie Wonder

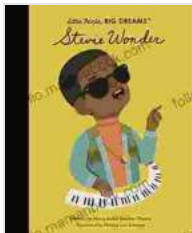
- "Music is a world within itself, with a language we all understand."
- "The only disability in life is a bad attitude."
- "Love is the answer, at least for most of the questions in the world."
- "I'm not going to let blindness stop me. I'm going to make the most of my life."
- "I believe that music has the power to change the world."

Songs by Stevie Wonder

- "Superstition"
- "My Cherie Amour"
- "You Are the Sunshine of My Life"

- "Sir Duke"
- "Isn't She Lovely"
- "I Just Called to Say I Love You"
- "Ebony and Ivory"
- "Part-Time Lover"
- "Overjoyed"
- "Happy Birthday"

Stevie Wonder is a true legend, an artist whose music has touched the lives of millions around the world. His story is a testament to the power of dreams, the resilience of the human spirit, and the importance of social justice. He is an inspiration to us all, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.



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