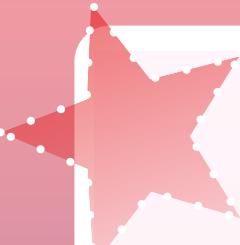


All About **Sir Elton John**





Here is a list of songs by Sir Elton John that you could find before showing this PowerPoint:

- 'Your Song'
- 'Rocket Man'
- 'Candle in the Wind' (1997)
- 'Can You Feel The Love Tonight'
- 'Don't Let The Sun Go Down on Me'
- 'I'm Still Standing'



Sir Elton John

Sir Elton John is a British singer, **songwriter** and **pianist**.

Do you know any other facts about him?

Have you heard of Sir Elton John?
You might have seen him on TV.

songwriter

pianist

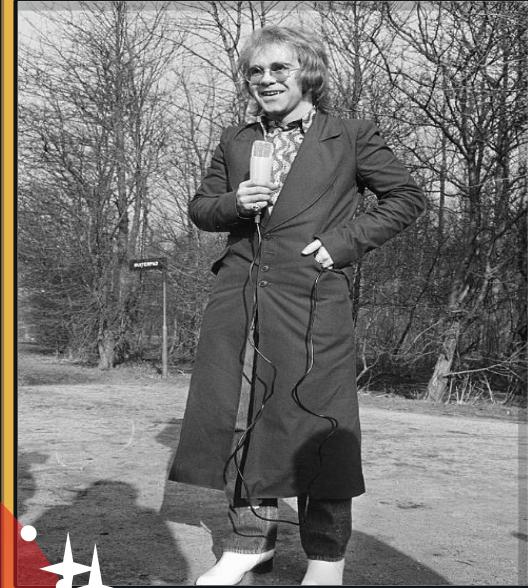


Early Life

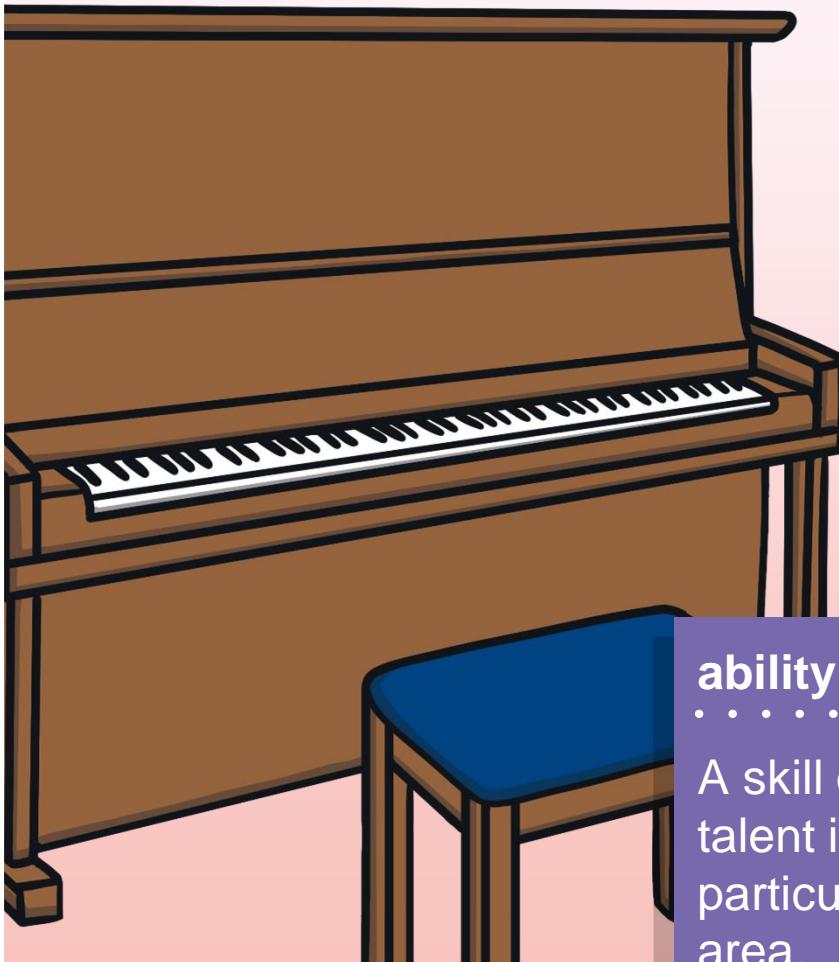
Reginald Kenneth Dwight was born on 25th March 1947 in Middlesex, England.

Elton changed his name to Elton Hercules John in 1972. He used the names of two members of his band Bluesology for ideas. They were called Elton Dean and Long John Baldry.

Some entertainers have a stage name that they use when they perform. This is because their real name might not be seen as being very glamorous or it might be difficult to spell. If you had a stage name, what would it be?



Musical Talent



ability

A skill or talent in a particular area.

At the age of three, Elton's family knew that he had a very special musical talent. He could play a difficult piece of **classical music**, from memory, on the piano.

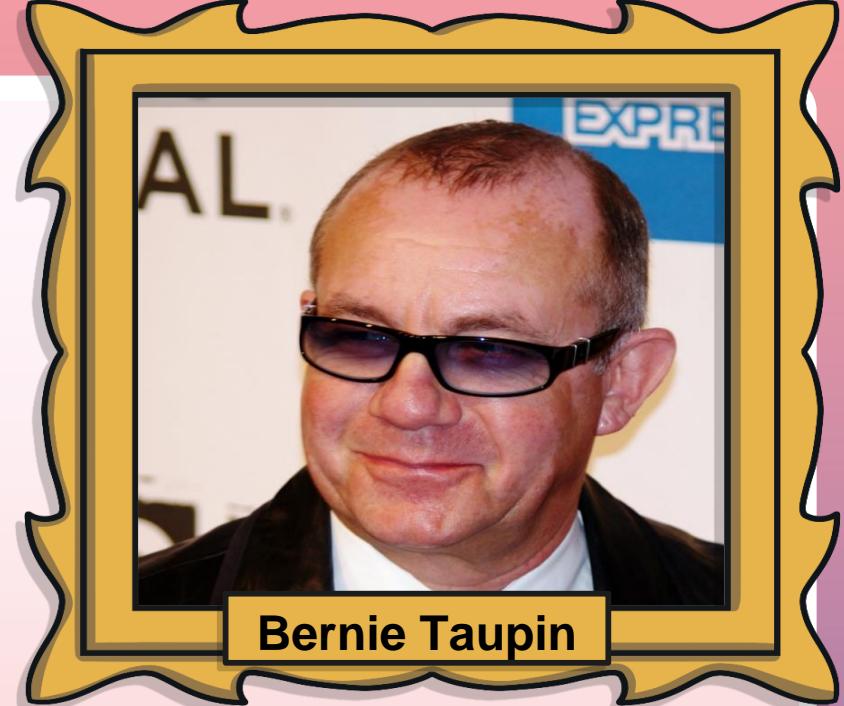
When Elton was 11 years old, his musical **ability** meant that he was given a **scholarship** to a famous music school in London. It is called the Royal Academy of Music.

scholarship

Money given to someone to pay for their education.

Early Music

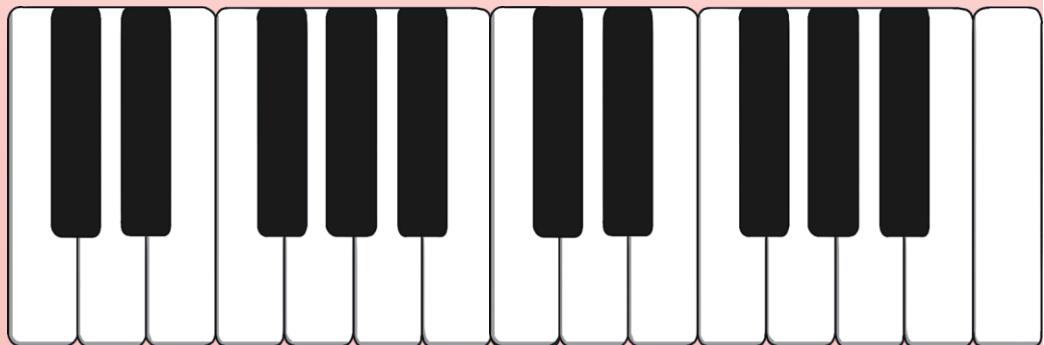
In 1962, Elton and his friends started a band called Bluesology. The band provided the **backing music** to other well-known musicians at the time.



Elton first met Bernie Taupin in 1967 after they both answered an advert looking for songwriters. Together, they wrote many successful songs.

Elton's second **album** was released in 1970 and titled 'Elton John'. This album helped him to become famous around the world.

backing music



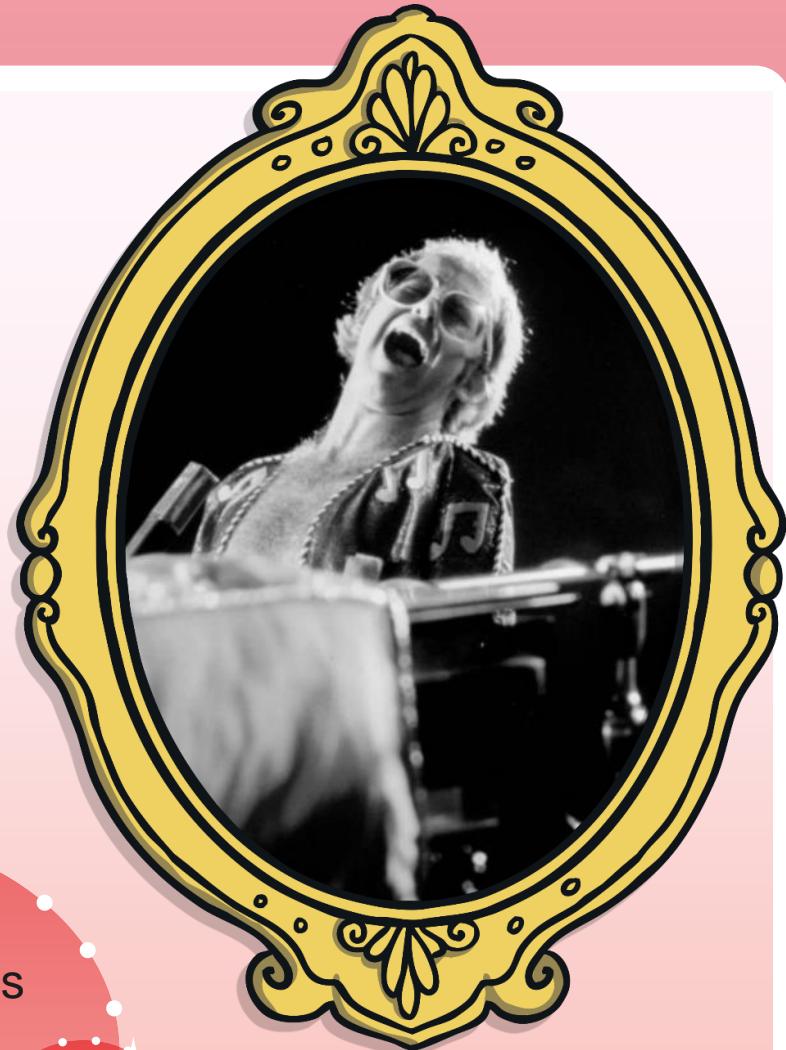
Superstar

By the early 1970s, Elton was one of the most successful **pop** performers in the world.

Some of his most famous songs from this time include 'Crocodile Rock', 'Rocket Man' and 'Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me'.

In 2019, a film was released about Elton John's life. It is called 'Rocketman'.

pop

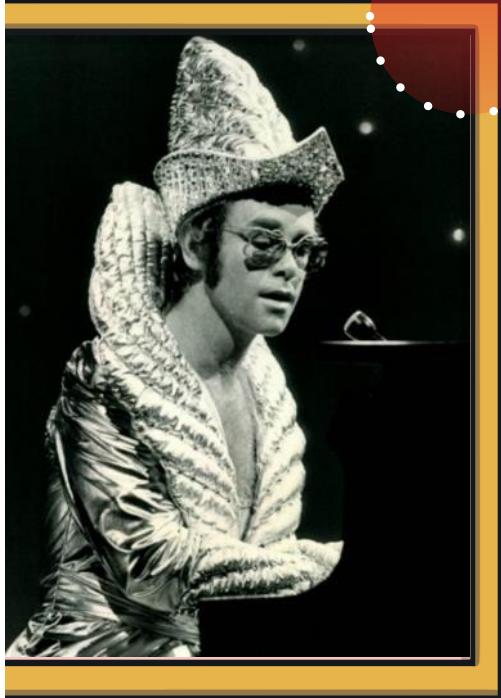


Fashion

Elton John is also known for his bright and colourful clothes and glasses.

If you were a famous musician, how would you dress?

Draw a picture of you in your performance outfit.



1990s

Elton wrote songs with Tim Rice for a film called 'The Lion King'. In 1995, they won an **Academy Award** for one of the songs called 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight'.

'The Lion King' film was also made into a **musical** for the theatre.

Have you ever seen 'The Lion King' film or musical? Do you have a favourite song from it?



musical

More Music



Elton has also performed at a hotel in Las Vegas, USA, called Caesars Palace. His show was called 'Elton John and the Red Piano' and included many songs from his music career. He returned to Las Vegas a few years later with a new show called, 'The Million Dollar Piano'.

In 2014, Elton John married his partner, David Furnish. They have two sons. Four years later, Elton began his last ever tour so that he can spend more time with his family after.

Elton has written songs for musicals, including a very successful show called 'Billy Elliot'. The show went on to win 10 **Tony Awards**, including best musical.

Tony Awards

Sport

As well as music, another of Elton's passions is sport. He has supported Watford Football Club since he was a child and has even been **chairman** of the club.



In 2012, he began Rocket Sports Management to guide new sporting stars through their careers.

Do you support a team? Who do you support?

In Elton's Christmas hit, 'Step Into Christmas', he proudly holds up his Watford Football Club supporter's card.

chairman

Final Facts



- ★ Elton John has sold more than 300 million records.
- ★ He has performed more than 4000 times in over 80 countries.
- ★ Elton is involved with many charities.
- ★ He has won many awards for his music.
- ★ In 1998, Elton was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II, becoming known as Sir Elton John.
- ★ In 2022, his performance of 'Your Song' was shown at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace.