



David Bowie 1947-2016

David Bowie died on Sunday at the age of 69, following an 18-month battle with cancer. Read more about his life, his music, his films and his lasting impact on the world, **a13**, and learn about the business of Bowie, **b5**

A legend in pictures



1970

1970: The Man Who Sold The World: David Bowie had already shown his genius the year before with *Space Oddity* and was breaking all pop and rock boundaries with his creative musicianship, and non-conformity. PA

1973: Ziggy Stardust: Bowie performs his alter ego at the Hammersmith Odeon in London. Debi Doss / Redferns



1973

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Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment before it becomes a memory

Iman Abdulmajis, David Bowie's wife, the day before he died

Very sorry and sad to say it's true. I'll be offline for a while. Love to all

Duncan Jones, David Bowie's son, on Twitter

The Rolling Stones are shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the death of our dear friend David Bowie. As well as being a wonderful and kind man, he was an extraordinary artist, and a true original

Statement from the Rolling Stones

We are deeply saddened by the loss of David Bowie. It was an honour and a privilege to release his music to the world

Columbia Records, David Bowie's label

David was a great star and I treasure the moments we had together. His music played a very strong part in British musical history and I'm proud to think of the huge influence he has had on people all around the world ... His star will shine in the sky forever

Paul McCartney

David's friendship was the light of my life. I never met such a brilliant person. He was the best there is

Iggy Pop

*Ground Control to Major Tom
Commencing countdown,
Engines on
Check ignition
and may God's love be with you
(David Bowie)*

Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, Vatican spokesman on cultural matters

Today we are mourning the loss of an immense British talent. Genius is an overused word but I think musically, creatively, artistically, David Bowie was a genius

David Cameron, British prime minister

Hunky Dory, Ziggy Stardust, Low, Heroes. David Bowie's last album is written, but the melodies will linger on forever. A true legend

Jess Stoltenberg, secretary general of Nato

A hero for ever



1976



1986

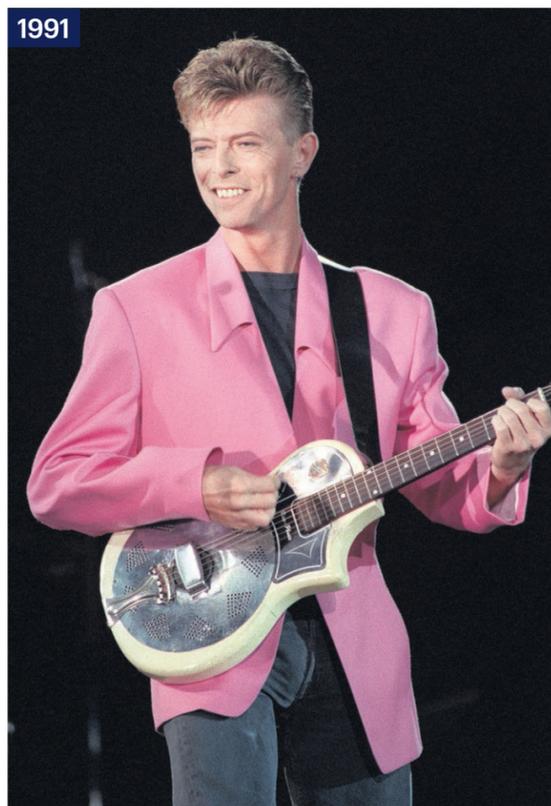
1976: The Man Who Fell To Earth: Bowie caught in a reflective mood. Michael Ochs / Archives / Getty Images

1986: Magic Dance: a scene from the film *Labyrinth*, for which he wrote five songs, shows Bowie with Jennifer Connelly. Stanley Bielecki Movie Collection / Getty Images

1991: Tin Machine: Bowie performs during a concert organised by NRJ radio station in Paris. Bertrand Guay / AFP Photos

2002: Heathen: again in Paris, this time during a European tour. Bertrand Guay / AFP Photos

2010: A Reality Tour: Bowie arrives with his wife Iman at Council of Fashion Designers of America fashion awards in New York. Lucas Jackson / Reuters



1991



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2010