

Bob Dylan.

The Poet Laureate of a Generation

We inform. We entertain. We connect.

Early Life & Origins.

Born Robert Allen Zimmerman in 1941, Duluth, Minnesota.

Captivated by music—teaching himself piano, guitar, and harmonica as a teenager. Adopted the name **Bob Dylan** as a nod to poet Dylan Thomas.

Dropped out of college to seek the folk music scene in Greenwich Village, New York.

Greenwich Village Era.

Arrived in NYC in 1961, virtually penniless. Immersed himself in the coffeehouse circuit and visited his idol, Woody Guthrie.

"How many roads must a man walk down, before you call him a man?"

Establishing himself as the voice of a generation with anthems like *Blowin' in the Wind*.

Going Electric.

In 1965, Dylan made one of the most audacious moves in music history—plugging in at the Newport Folk Festival.

Despite being booed by purists, he released "**Like a Rolling Stone**," widely regarded as the greatest rock song ever recorded.

He reinvented popular music by fusing surrealist poetry with a blistering rock sound.

A Legacy of Excellence.

Nobel Prize

Awarded the 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature for creating new poetic expressions within the American song tradition.

Medal of Freedom

Presented by President Obama in 2012. Recipient of Academy Awards, Golden Globes, and countless Grammys.

The times they are a-changin'.

"No one is free, even the birds are chained to the sky."

Thank you for your attention.