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Bob Marley was born in Jamaica in 1945.

His father Norval was a white plantation overseer.

His mother Cedella was a black singer and writer.

Bob grew up in Nine Mile and Kingston.



Bob's music career began in 1963.

He formed a band with friends Peter and Bunny.

The band was called Bob Marley and the Wailers.

The Wailers played a type of music called reggae.

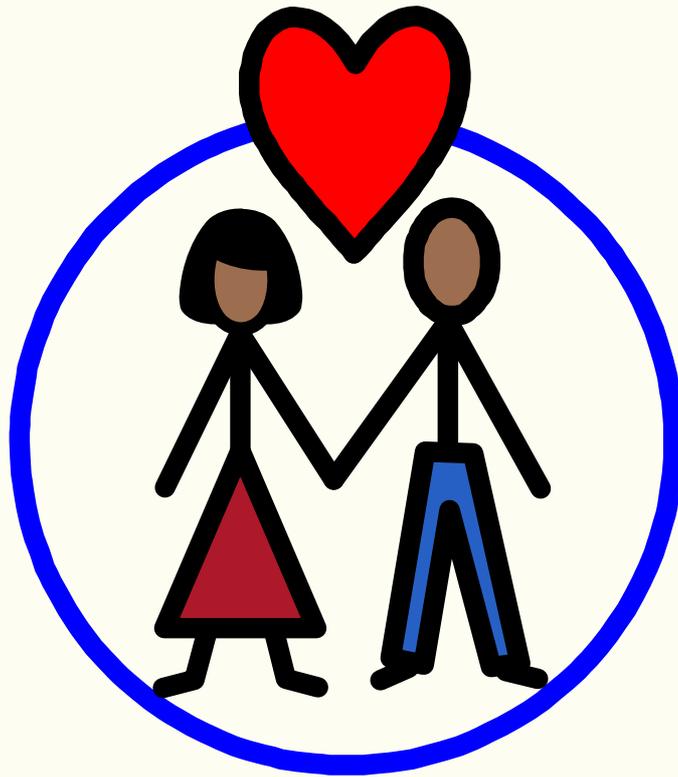


The Wailers recorded their first two songs in 1962.

In 1965 the band recorded their first album.

The Wailing Waters featured the song 'One Love'.

'One Love' became famous around the world.

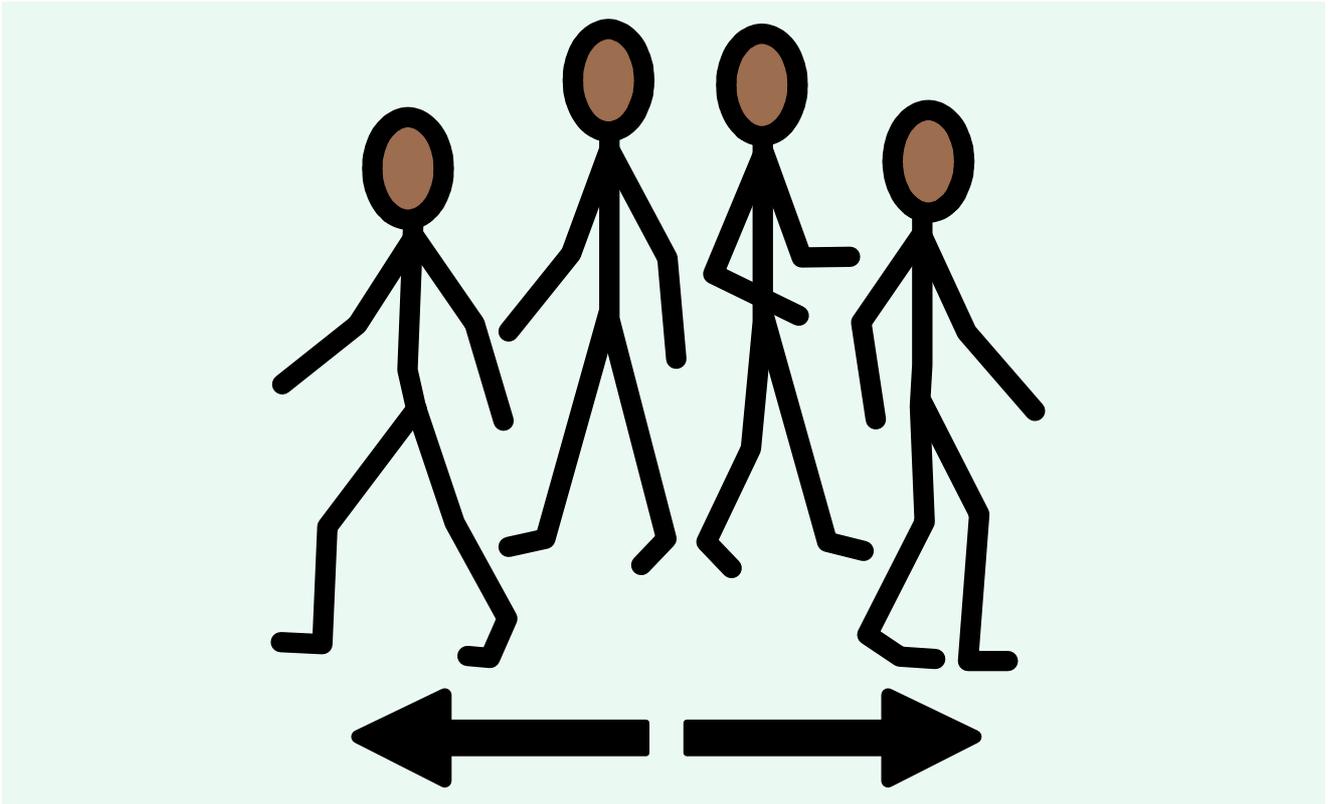


Bob married Rita Anderson in 1966.

Rita joined the band as a backing singer.

Rita and Bob had four children together.

Bob's son Ziggy is also a famous reggae musician.



Bob Marley and the Wailers broke up in 1974.

Bob now pursued a solo career.

Bob had his first international hit in 1975.

'No Woman No Cry' is a very famous song.



Bob grew dreadlocks and became a Rastafarian.

This Jamaican religion began in 1930s.

Rastafari worshipped the Ethiopian King, Haile Selassie.

Rastafari believe in the unity of all Africans.

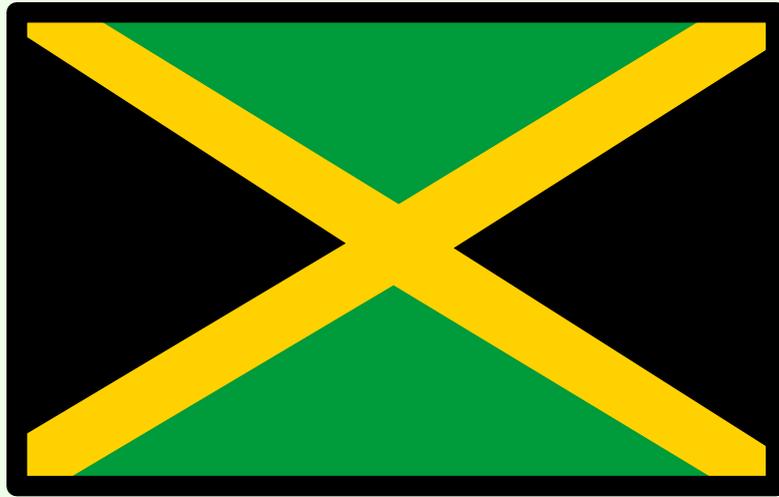


Many of Bob's songs were political.

'Get Up Stand Up' was about the need for protest.

Bob supported Pan-Africanism.

He believed in the unity of all Africans.



Bob Marley died in the USA in May 1981.

He was given a state funeral in Jamaica.

Statues of Bob stand all over the world.

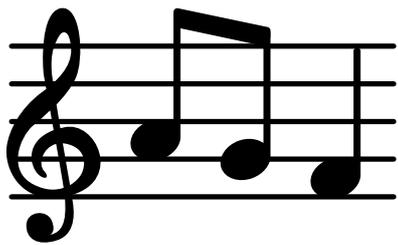
He is considered a folk hero in Jamaica.



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Jamaica



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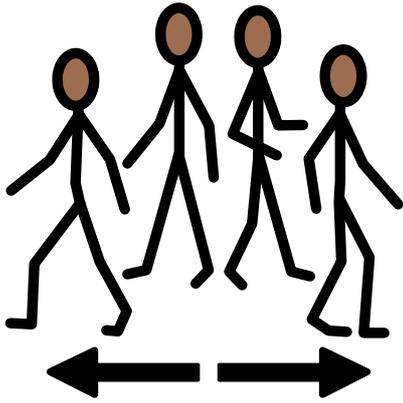
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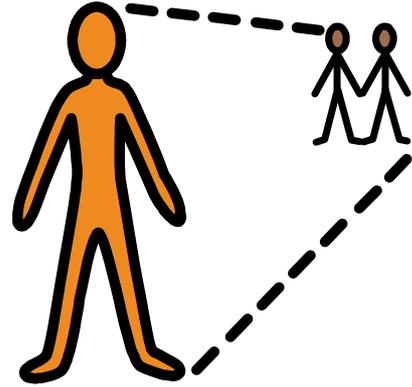
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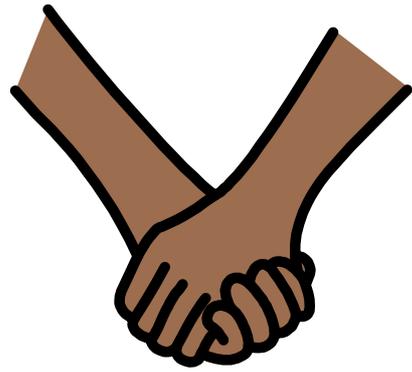
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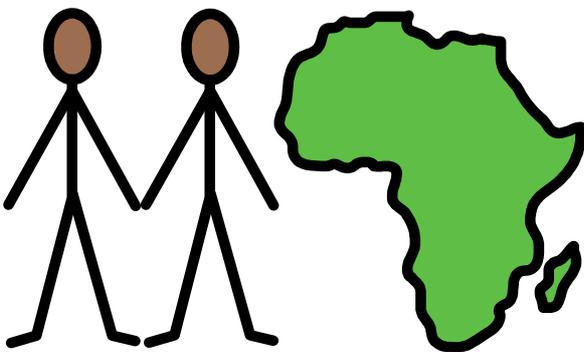
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