

Joan Armatrading

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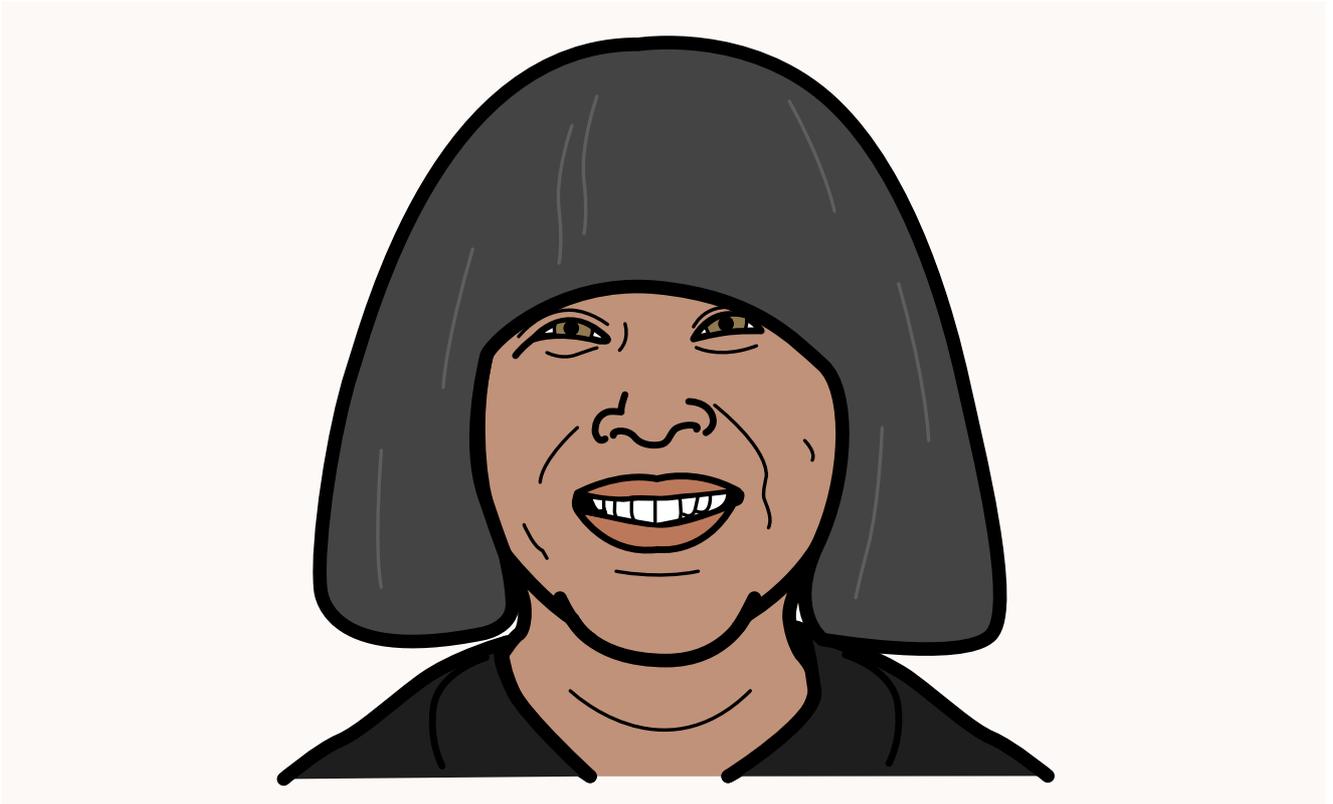
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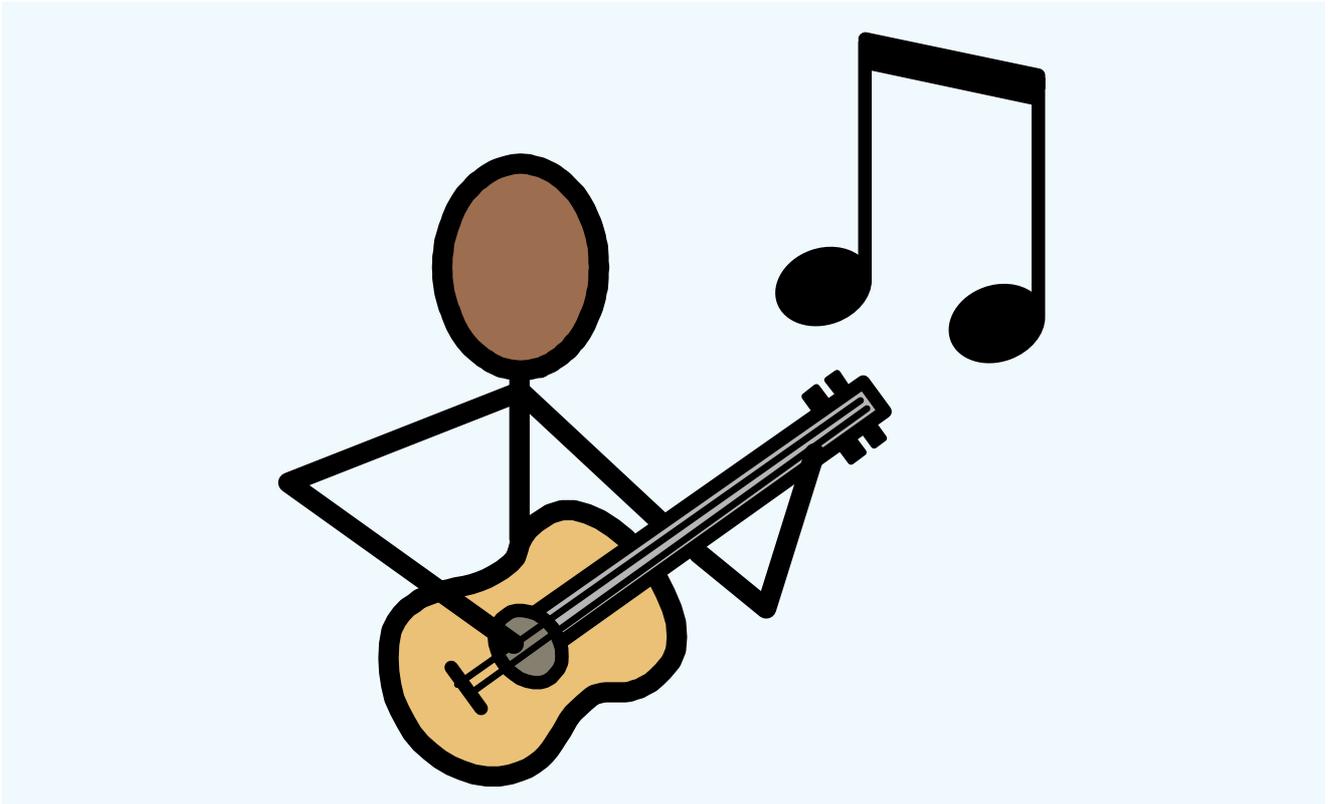


Joan Armatrading was born in 1950 in St Kitts.

She was the third of six children.

When she was aged 3 her family moved to England.

Joan lived with her grandmother in Antigua.

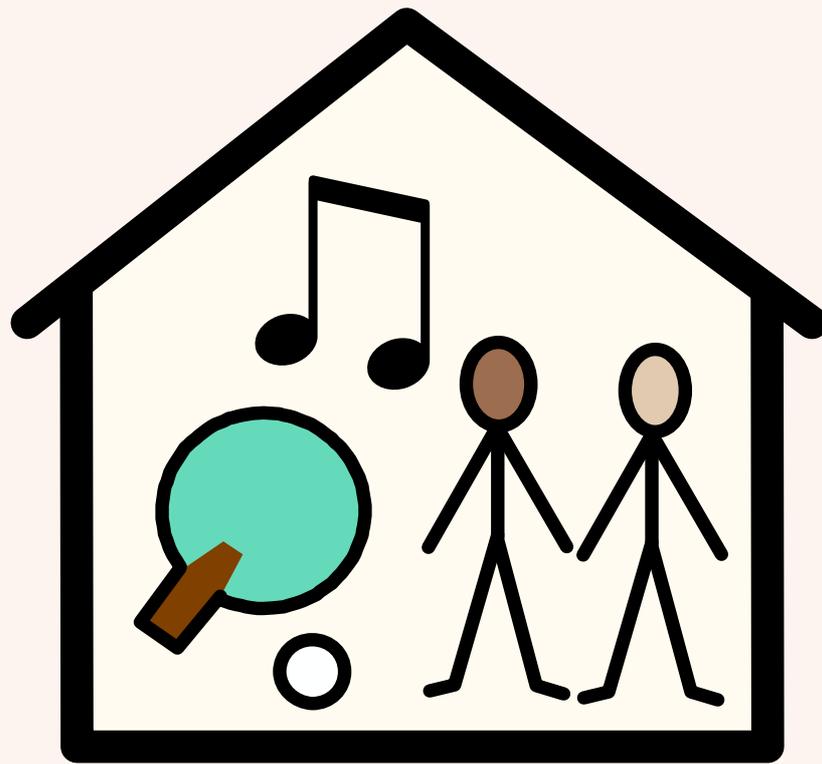


In 1958 Joan joined her family in England.

She made up songs on a piano her mother bought.

Joan's mother bought her a guitar.

Joan taught herself how to play the guitar.

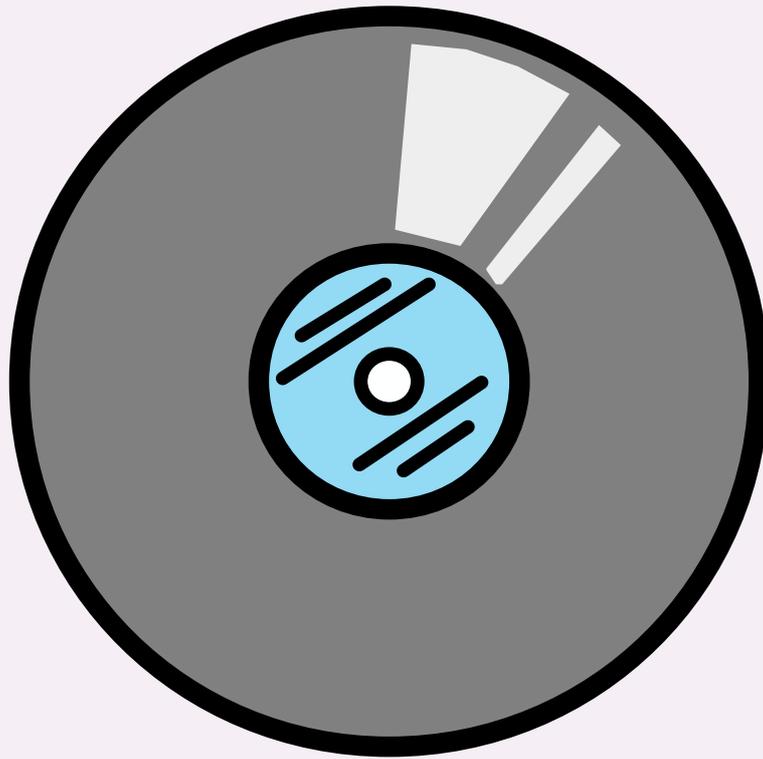


Joan left school aged 15 to support her family.

Aged 16 Joan played at Birmingham University.

She began playing her own songs in Birmingham.

Joan played bass and guitar at local clubs.



In 1968 Joan toured with the musical 'Hair'.

She recorded her first album in 1972.

Joan wrote all the music and some of the words.

She sang and played many of the instruments.



Joan's third album was called 'Joan Armatrading'.

This album entered the Top-20 in the charts.

It included the Top-10 single, 'Love and Affection'.

Joan mixed acoustic sounds with jazz.



Joan studied history with the Open University.

In 2001 she graduated after 5 years of study.

In 2011 Joan married artist Maggie Butler.

Joan lives in Surrey where she has a recording studio.



Joan has recorded 17 albums to date.

She has played concerts all over the world.

Joan has played on radio and television many times.

She has won many awards for her achievements.

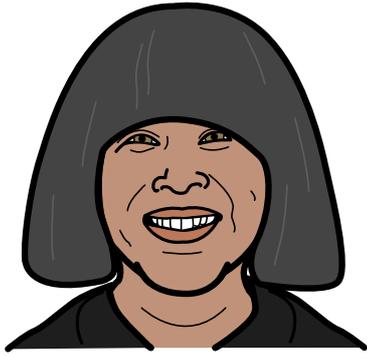


Joan has been nominated for 3 Grammy Awards.

She has been nominated for 2 Brit Awards.

Universities have given her honorary degrees.

In 2020 Joan was awarded a CBE by the Queen.



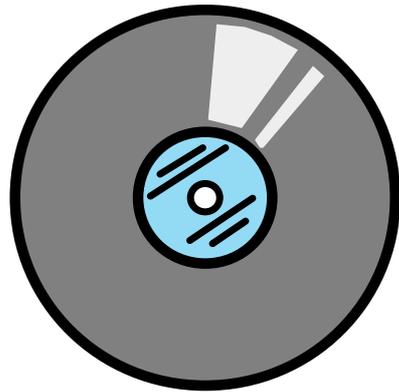
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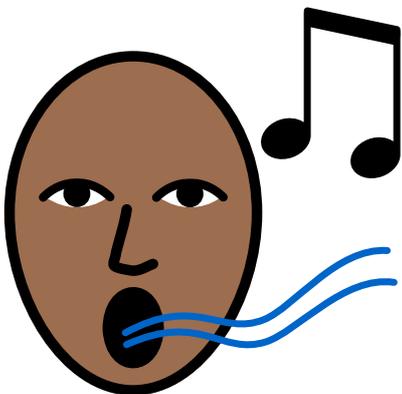
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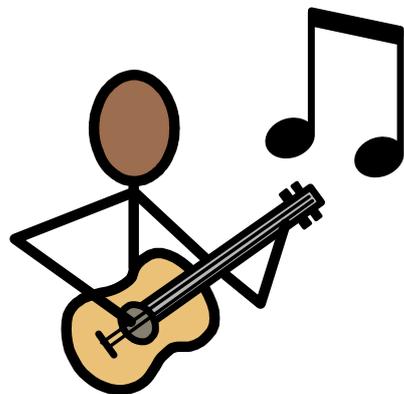
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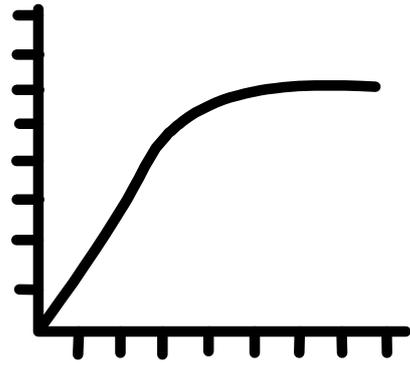
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Grammy Award



CBE