

La historia de Bob Marley



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Bob Marley nació en Nine Mile, Jamaica, el 6 de febrero de 1945.

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Marley tenía muchos hijos. Él tenía cuatro con su esposa Rita, dos adoptados de las relaciones anteriores de Rita y varios otros con diferentes mujeres. Bob Marley tenía aproximadamente 12 niños en total.





Marley vino a los Estados Unidos en 1966 después de casarse con la cantante de soul Rita Anderson. Grabó su primera canción en Kingston, "Judge Not", en 1962. Marley regresó y luego se fue de Jamaica a fines de 1976. Se fue a Inglaterra durante dos años.

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A Marley le diagnosticaron melanoma maligno en el dedo del pie en 1977. Sus creencias religiosas no permitían que le amputaran el dedo del pie. Continuó de girar con su banda, aunque estaba enfermo.



Bob Marley, 36, king of reggae

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Jamaican reggae music king Bob Marley died Monday of cancer at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Miami. He was 36.

Hospital spokeswoman Karen Buchsbaum gave no details concerning Marley's death, other than saying he was admitted to the hospital last Thursday and died at 11:45 a.m. Monday. She said his family was with him at the last.

Marley, a soft-spoken man who belonged to the Rastafarian cult, believed the Last Judgment was imminent and, until recently, had smoked about a pound of marijuana a week. He had been undergoing treatment for lung cancer since last fall and had spent time at the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and at hospitals in West



Bob Marley: Died at Miami hospital.

mother was black. When Marley was nine, his family moved to the Kingston ghetto neighborhood, Trenchtown. This teeming slum was where he grew up.

He quit school at 16 to become an electrical welder. In 1963 he formed his singing group, Bob Marley and the Wailers. They released their first song, *Judge Not*, in 1963. It flopped. Marley received \$50.

It was in the 1960s that reggae music evolved in Jamaica. It united the rock and roll rhythms of American black pop singers like Fats Domino and James Brown with the native Caribbean song patterns. Reggae was the musical idiom Marley made peculiarly his own.

Reggae is also bound up with the Rastafarian religion, a cult that holds that blacks are descended from the tribes of Israel, that they are destined to return to triumph to

cialist candidate Michael Manley in 1972 when Manley was first elected prime minister, but later grew disaffected with him. When Marley asked Manley to make reggae the national music of Jamaica, the request was refused.

He was shot and wounded at his home on Dec. 3, 1976, just before a concert. Though his assailants were never caught, Marley made it clear he believed they were Manley supporters.

Abroad Marley's fame grew gradually. His early, *Burnin'*, *Catch a Fire*, and *Natty Dread*, sold slowly but steadily. His *Rastaman Vibration*, released in 1976, was the first reggae album to reach the Top Ten of the American pop charts.

By then other American artists, including Barbra Streisand, Taj Mahal and Johnny Nash had recorded Marley songs. Eric Clapton's ver-



El cáncer finalmente le quitó la vida a Marley en 1981, cuando sólo tenía 36 años. Murió en Miami, Florida, en el Hospital Cedars of Lebanon para recibir atención médica inmediata, debido a la propagación del melanoma a sus pulmones, riñones y cerebro.



Su esposa, Rita Marley, aún vive hoy. Bob Marley está enterrado en el Museo Bob Marley en Nine Mile, Jamaica.
