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Sir Elton John

Sir Elton Hercules John, (born **Reginald Kenneth Dwight** 25 March, 1947) is an English singer, songwriter, composer and pianist. Apart from his great songs he's always been famous for his unusual glasses and costumes.



In his **four-decade career** John has sold more than **250 million records**, making him one of the most successful artists of all time. He has won six Grammy Awards, an Academy Award, and a Golden Globe Award. In 2004, *Rolling Stone* ranked him Number 49 on its list of the 100 greatest artists of all time. John was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994 and was **knighted** in 1998.

On 6 September 1997, John performed "Candle in the Wind 1997" at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales in Westminster Abbey. The song became the fastest, and biggest-selling single of all time, eventually selling

5 million copies in the United Kingdom, 11 million in the US, and over 33 million worldwide, with the proceeds of approximately £55 million going to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. It is the best selling single in *Billboard* history. John has publicly performed "**Candle in the Wind 1997**" only once, at **Diana's funeral**, vowing never to perform it again unless asked by Diana's sons.



Apart from this song, his most famous songs are: **Sacrifice**, **I'm Still Standing**, **Don't go Breaking My Heart**, **Nikita** and so on.

