

Bob Dylan: A Musical Legend

Bob Dylan is one of the most famous musicians in the world. He was born in 1941 in the USA as **Robert Allen Zimmerman**. Later, he changed his name to Bob Dylan because he liked the poems of Dylan Thomas.

Bob plays many instruments, like the **guitar, harmonica, and piano**. In the 1960s, he became very popular because he wrote songs about **peace and freedom**. Many people call his early songs "protest songs" because they talked about things that were wrong in the world.

Was Bob Dylan in a war? No, he was not a soldier. Instead, he wrote songs *against* war, such as "Masters of War," to show how bad fighting is.

Does he have a family? Yes, Bob Dylan has a big family. He has **six children** in total. His son, Jakob Dylan, is also a successful singer in a band called The Wallflowers.

Bob Dylan is not only a singer; he is also a great **writer and artist**. In 2016, he won the **Nobel Prize for Literature** for his amazing song lyrics. He also likes to paint pictures and make statues from iron.

Key Words (match)

Songwriter	the words of a song
Harmonica	a person who writes the words and music for songs
Peace	a time without war
Lyrics	a prize for doing something very well
Award	a small musical instrument played with the mouth

Complete the questions (**Which, What, Why, Who, How many**) and answer.

1. was Bob Dylan's name when he was born?
2. musical instruments can Bob Dylan play?
3. children does Bob Dylan have?
4. did he win the Nobel Prize in 2016?
5. **Was** Bob Dylan a soldier in the army?
6. is Jakob Dylan?

Interesting Facts (Zajímavosti)

- **The School Singer:** Bob Dylan sometimes visits his grandson's kindergarten. He brings his guitar and sings songs to the children there.
- **A Hidden Talent:** Besides music, Bob is a very good painter. His artworks are shown in big galleries all over the world.
- **The Name Change:** He chose his stage name "Bob Dylan" when he was young because he lived in a "free country" and wanted to choose his own identity.
- **Movie Star:** He didn't just sing; he also acted in several movies, like *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*

