# READING

## Benson Boone - Beautiful Things



Benson Boone is an American singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. He was born in Washington State in 2002 and discovered his love for music during high school. At first, he was more interested in sports and art, but everything changed when a friend asked him to perform in a school talent show. That performance made him realize he had a powerful voice and a passion for performing.



In 2021, Benson auditioned for the show **American Idol**. His voice impressed the judges immediately, and many believed he would go far in the competition. However, he decided to leave the show early, saying he wanted to grow as an artist outside of the spotlight. This unexpected choice didn't stop his career — in fact, it helped him find his own path.

Later that year, he signed a record deal and released his debut single, which quickly gained attention on social media. His emotional lyrics and honest style connected with young listeners around the world.



In 2024, Benson Boone gave one of the most iconic performances of his career at the **67th GRAMMY Awards**, singing *"Beautiful Things"* live. The performance was full of emotion, and many fans and


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critics called it one of the highlights of the night. It showed not only his vocal talent but also his authenticity and stage presence.

Benson Boone is now considered one of the most promising new voices in pop music. With his talent and determination, he's just getting started.

1. **Read the text and choose the best answer.**

**A. How did Benson Boone first discover his musical talent?**



A) By taking singing lessons in childhood

B) After performing in a school talent show

C) While playing piano in church

**B. Why did Benson leave *American Idol* early?**

A) He didn't pass the first round

B) He had a health problem

C) He wanted to develop his career independently

**C. What happened after Benson released his first single?**

A) It went viral on social media

B) It failed to get attention

C) It was only popular in the U.S.

**D. What made his GRAMMY performance so special?**

A) It included special effects and dancers

B) It was emotional and praised by critics

C) It was his first time singing live



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**E. How is Benson Boone described at the end of the text?**

A) A legend of rock music

B) A promising young artist in pop

C) A former reality TV judge



**2. Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box. You may need to change the form of the word.**

*performance - spotlight - passion - emotional - promising - audition - release - stage*

**A.** Benson gave an _____ at the GRAMMYs that touched many people.

**B.** He discovered his _____ for music in high school.



**C.** He left *American Idol* to grow outside of the _____.

**D.** Benson signed a record deal and planned the _____ of his first single.

**E.** Many people see him as a _____ new artist.

**F.** He first appeared on TV during his *American Idol* _____.

**G.** His honest and _____ lyrics connect with many fans.

**H.** His strong presence on _____ shows his confidence as a performer.

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