Bob Marley was born Robert Nesta Marley on February 6, 1945. He grew up in a Jamaican village called Nine Miles.
When Bob was 14 years old, he left school and moved to a poor area of Jamaica called Trench Town. This experience influenced a lot of his later song lyrics.
Bob was given the chance to learn music, and this was a good way to forget about his poor living conditions.
Bob Marley married Rita Anderson in 1966.

They had three children together.
Bob Marley was the lead singer in a famous reggae band called “Bob Marley and the Wailers”.
Bob Marley became a deeply spiritual and peace loving person called a Rastafarian. He grew long dreadlocks, and became a vegetarian.
He spoke openly about freedom for black people, and relief from poverty and unfair rules for people throughout the world.
After his band split up, Bob Marley released a solo album called “Exodus”. It made him one of the world's best-selling artists of all time, with sales of more than 75 million albums and singles.
Bob Marley died of cancer, aged just 36 years old, on May 11<sup>th</sup> 1981.
He was mourned by millions of fans. Many people still enjoy his music today and find inspiration in the things he said.
“One Good Thing About Music, When it Hits You Feel No Pain”

- Bob Marley
Now enjoy listening to one of Bob Marley's best known songs called "Three Little Birds":

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