

1970s - The first big new sound of the 1970s was "**Glam Rock**", the main figures of this were David Bowie and Elton John. In the bleak political backdrop, these larger than life British bands and characters brought a welcome relief with their platform boots, sequins, nail varnish and colourful hair.



David Bowie was an English singer-songwriter and actor. During the 1970s, his flamboyant alter ego Ziggy Stardust was spearheaded by the success of his single "Starman" and album *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars*, which won him widespread popularity.

Ziggy Stardust

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8sdsW93ThQ>

Life on Mars

With Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqeH76RLpO8>

Music Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZKcl4-tcuo>



Elton John is an English singer, songwriter, pianist, and composer. In 1970, he had his first hit single with Your song .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIPlfCy1urI>

"Don't Go Breaking My Heart" was the first No. 1 single in the UK for both John and Kiki Dee, topping the chart for six weeks in mid 1976.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOqW9P-uYfM>



Queen are a British rock band formed in London in 1970. Their classic line-up was Freddie Mercury (lead vocals, piano), Brian May (guitar, vocals), Roger Taylor (drums, vocals) and John Deacon (bass). *A Night at the Opera* in 1975 brought them international success. The latter featured "Bohemian Rhapsody", which stayed at number one in the UK for nine weeks and helped popularise the music video format.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ9rUzIMcZQ>

The band's 1977 album *News of the World* contained "We Will Rock You" and "We Are the Champions", which have become anthems at sporting events.

We will rock you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tJYN-eG1zk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onJQ1dpsAF8> with lyrics

We are the champions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04854XqcfCY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O71fetlkCZo> (with lyrics)



Punk

The punk movement of the late 1970s began in England. Great British bands of this scene were The Sex Pistols and The Clash. The Punk style was Mohicans, bondage clothes, safety pins, piercings and bover boots.

London Calling - The Clash

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfK-WX2pa8c>