



Robert Marley was born in 1945 in Nine Mile, Jamaica. When he moved to Kingston **he heard American blues and soul music on the radio**. He began to sing and write music. He played ska, a fast dance music with an African beat. **Later his music used a slower rhythm with a strong back beat. This was called reggae**. In the 1970s, Bob Marley and *The Wailers* became famous in the West Indies and then in Britain. They made the first reggae album *Exodus* in 1977.

**Marley thought that it was important that black people in North America remember their African roots.** He thought a black king in Ethiopia, called Ras Tafari, could save all black

people. **His songs were about freedom, love and peace.**

Bob Marley died of cancer in 1981. He was only 36 years old but his music will live for a long time.

**Jamaica** is an island in the Caribbean Sea. It is south of Cuba and west of Haiti in a group of islands called the West Indies. About two and a half million people live in Jamaica. English is the official language. The weather in Jamaica is hot and sunny and many tourists visit the beautiful beaches.

**move:** go to another place  
**beat:** strong rhythm

**root:** lower part of a plant  
**save:** rescue

**freedom:** independence  
**cancer:** tumor, disease

**Fill in about, for, from, in, of, on, to, -**

He was born ...*in*...1945. He moved .....Kingston. He heard music ..... the radio. He became famous ..... the 1970s. I remember ..... the music. Can you remember ..... Bob Marley? He went ..... Britain. He played ..... Britain. His songs were ..... freedom. They were also ..... love. He died ..... 1981. He died ..... cancer. His music will live .....long time. Jamaica is .....the Caribbean Sea. It is south .....Cuba. Jamaica is famous ..... good coffee. Jamaica became independent ..... Britain ..... 1962. The capital ..... Jamaica is Kingston.

**Change the sentences into the past tense:**

*were*

His songs **are** about freedom, love and peace. He is born in Jamaica. His music is called reggae. He uses a slower rhythm. Bob becomes famous in the West Indies. He makes his first album in 1977. He remembers his African roots. When he is 36 he dies of cancer.