

## Shaun Boothe

# "Unauthorized Biography of Bob Marley"

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[Shaun Boothe:]

The unauthorized copy...

Dedicated to the island of Jamacia...

And the family of the deceased

My name Shaun Boothe

Acknowledgements:

Once again, I wanna thank Nas

And I wanna thank everybody else for making this possible

[Chapter 2:]

Born Nesta Robert Marley in J-A-M-A-I-C-A

In a small village by the name of Nine Miles

Two slaps on the bottom and he was on his way

Mama only eighteen and his father was a white man  
thirty-two

years her senior

The couple got married but it wasn't too long hed leave  
her like, "Nice seein ya"

Much like the slave masters who'd chase after

That young black nave girl, promising the world

He sang the same song and then he was gone (uh-huh)

Abandoned, little Bobby and his mama, Cedella

So they got up, moved to the city of Kingston to start a  
new life together

And so they went down, to a government yard in  
Trenchtown

Some say that it got that name from the open sewer  
that ran through her

Either way that's where he grew up from then on

In the slums with the squatters, oddly he grew very  
fond

But little man had to be strong

'Cause in his day it was a disgrace to be mixed race

So he always had to keep his fists raised

And it wasn't long they would call him Tuff Gong

'Cause word got around, he'd lay you down

And often with da rudebwoys and the shottas he was  
found

See back then he was still a boy, just tryna fill a void

That his father left when he left

And that's when he met, Joe Higgs  
Who taught him how to sing, he released a couple  
songs  
Then he met Peter Tosh, who would teach him the  
guitar  
And they started up a group with another friend Bunny  
and their dreams were so BIG!  
And that group was called the Wailing Wailers  
And in '63 when their first song hit the scene  
They went from nameless, to famous  
And they would quickly be the favorites  
Finally there was a voice for the inner-city youth  
that the people could relate with... uh  
Back at Studio One where the songs were made, they  
never got paid  
Plus Bob Marley was going thru change  
Searching for where his heart lies  
And in '66 he would marry his girlfriend Rita  
Key to, his spiritual growth  
She would help to convert him to Rastafari

[Plays: "Rat Race" by Bob Marley]  
{Don't involve Rasta in your... say SAY  
Rasta don't work for no... C.I.A.}

Uh-huh, so gone were the rudebwoy anthems, and  
musically  
His new beliefs were fused into every new release  
First album was "Catch a Fire" in '72  
Wasn't hard to tell he was soon to be  
The yardstick, against which, reggae will forever be  
measured

[Plays: "Exodus" by Bob Marley]

A few albums later, Bob Marley and the Wailers  
Now internationally known, try and put on a free show  
back home  
For the poor, ravaged by political war, suffering  
He was a political force that rivaled the government  
And it being election time, they knocked down his door  
Gunmen start runnin in and they shot {Exodus!}  
On the eve of the concert, him and his wife, and they  
dropped  
I suppose they were tryna stop the... {Movement of Jah  
people}  
They had to make it known  
Gunsmoke'll fumigate your home  
You ain't gonna sway no votes  
Singing songs, away you go [three gun shots, fourth  
follows]

[Plays: "No Woman, No Cry (Live) " by Bob Marley]

And he was left for dead, but there were none braver  
Then defiantly, two days later  
Arm in a sling, he got on stage  
Started to sing, they stood amazed  
And he pushed on, millions after millions sold  
Transcending all genres, he was healing souls  
Then a toe injury from playing football  
Turned out cancerous, what was the chance of it?  
Still he kept on, he said, "That's how life goes... "  
No matter where it stops he was on the right road  
And on his last day, laying sick in bed  
Mama by his head, this is what he said

{No woman no cry... No wom-an no cry...}

[Outro:]

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The God reigns forever  
Deceased May 11th, 1981  
The end...  
Next chapter: Muhammad Ali

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