LEGENDS VI

High Notes

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‘High Notes’

The
Twentieth Century’s
most
unforgettable
faces

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"Music is a means…

…of rapid Transporation."

- John Cage

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1955 Recording by Elvis Presley

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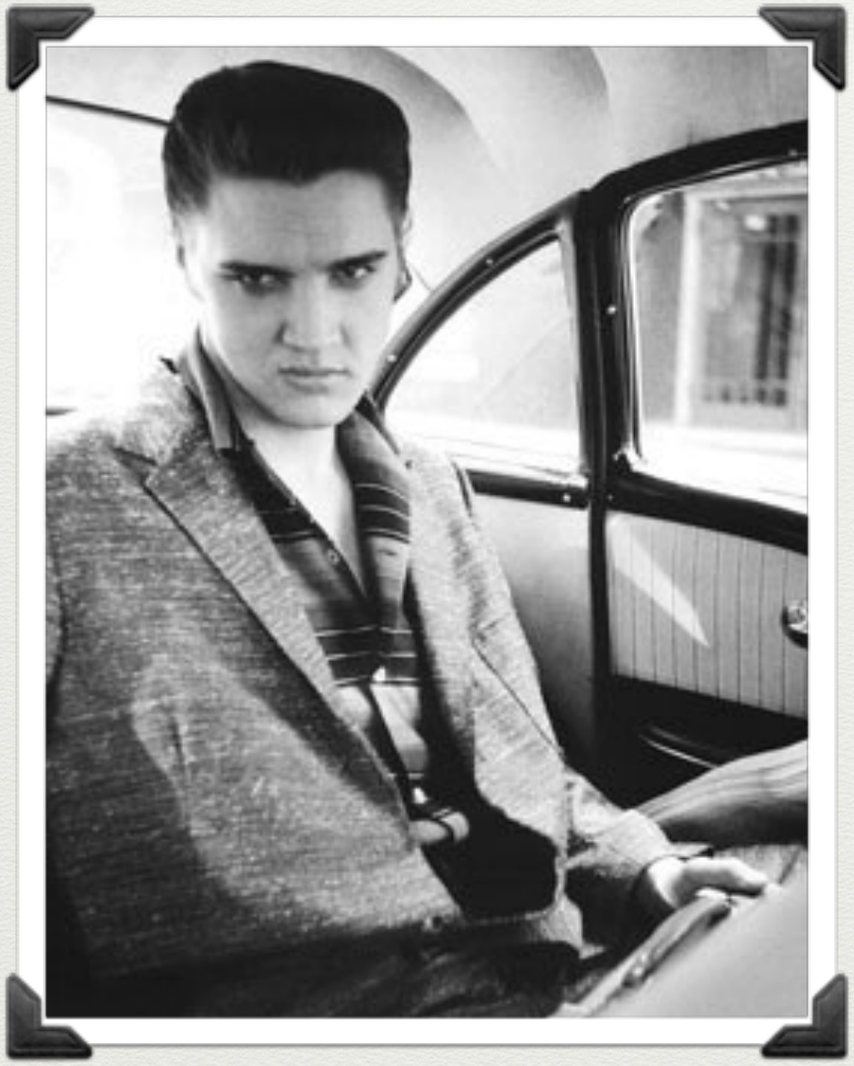

Elvis Presley

1935-1977

"He can't last!
I tell you flatly,
he cannot last."

- Jackie Gleason

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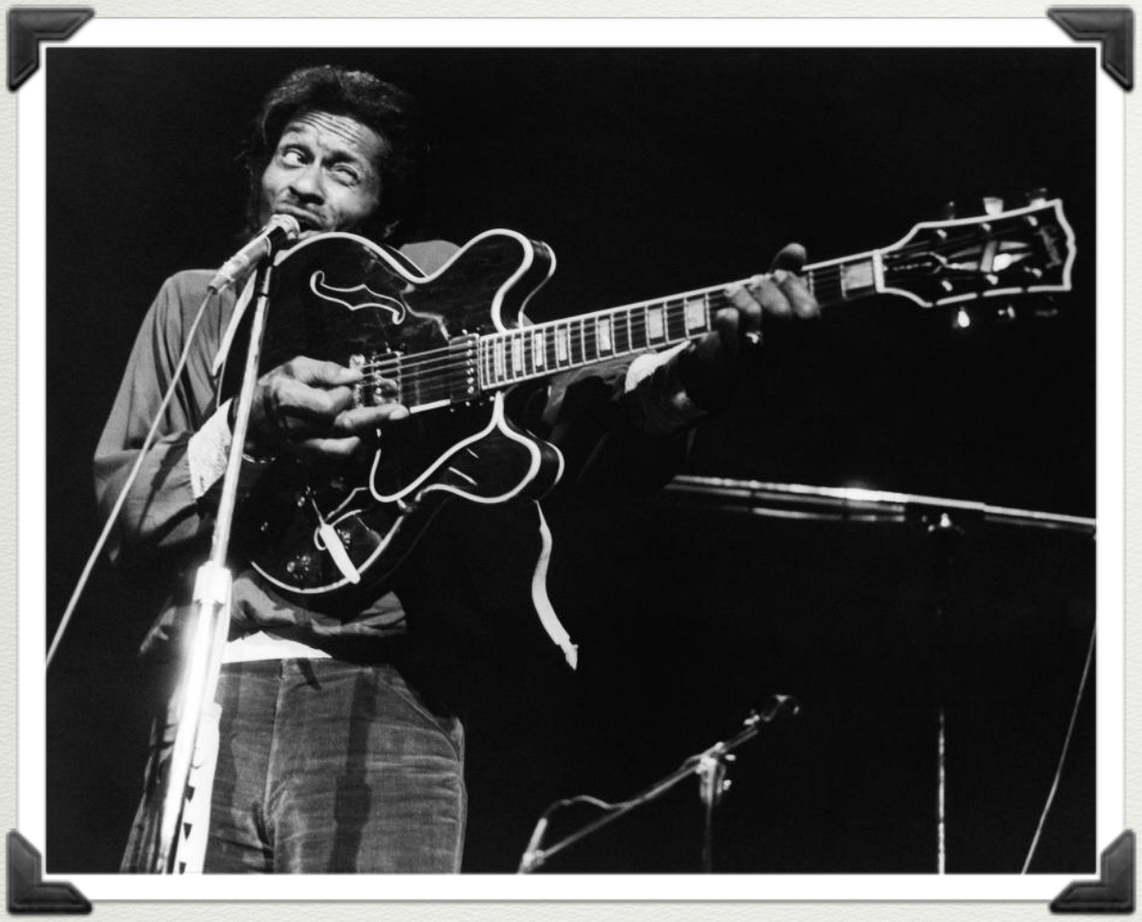

Chuck Berry

1926-2017

"[My mama] said,
'You and Elvis are both
pretty good, but…
… 'you ain't no Chuck
Berry.'"

- Jerry Lee Lewis

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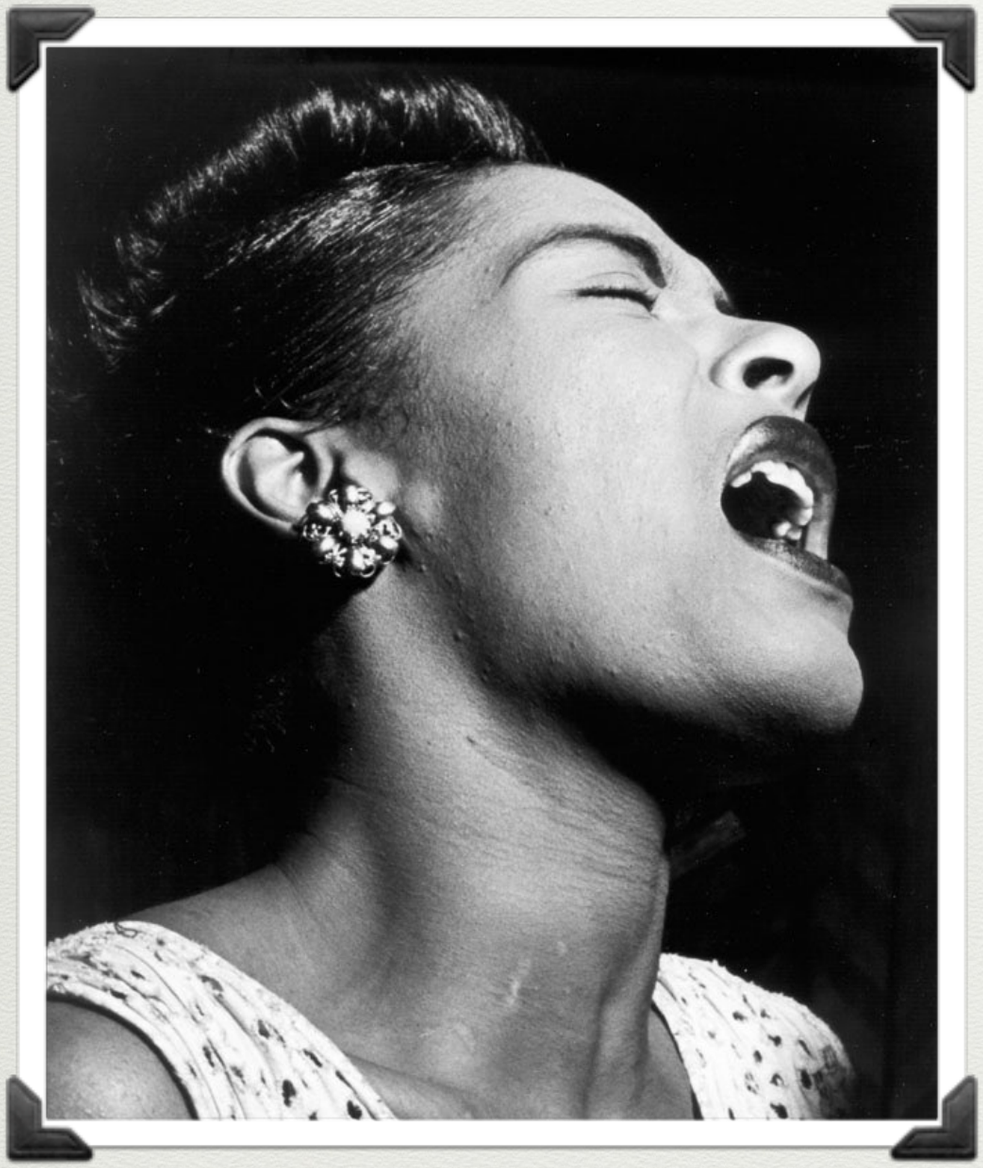

Billie Holiday

1915 - 1959

"She

could express more

emotion

in one chorus than most

actresses can in three acts."

- Jeanne Moreau

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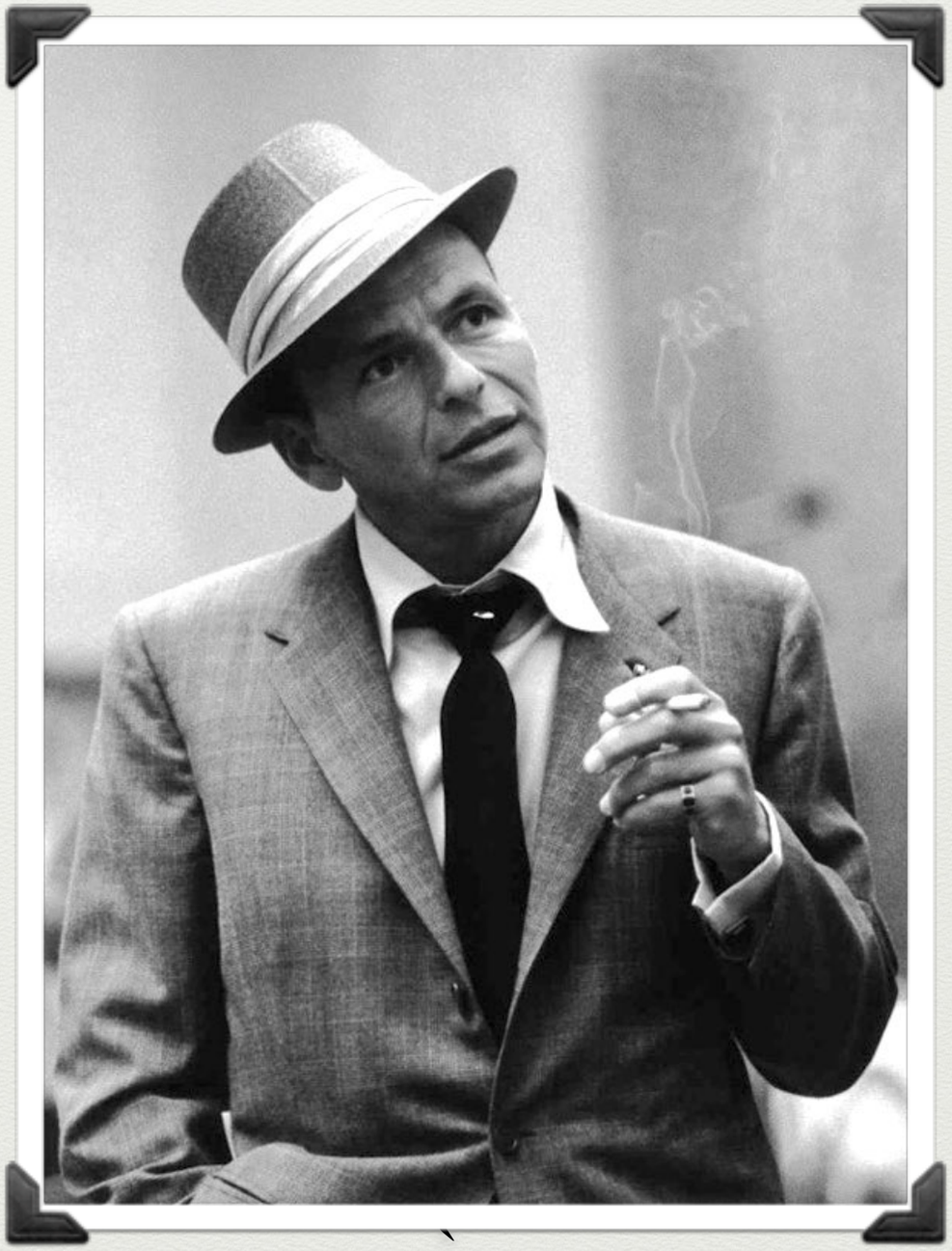
"This very thin guy… had been waiting tables when suddenly he climbed onto the stage…[and] sang only eight bars - I felt the hair on the back of my neck rising."

- Aghol Thurgard



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The Beatles

"I say in speeches that the plausible mission of artists is to make people appreciate being alive - at least a little bit. I am then asked if I know of any artists who pulled that off… I quickly reply, 'The Beatles did.'"

- Kurt Vonnegut

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George, John, Ringo, & Paul

1960-1970

"I declare that
the Beatles are mutants.
Prototypes of
evolutionary agents to us,
sent by God with
mysterious powers
to create a new species -
a young race of
laughing freemen.

- Dr. Timothy Leary

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"Beauty…
intensity,
expression,
everything.
She was a monstrous phenomenon.
Almost a sickness…
the king of actress that
has passed…
for all time.

- Luchino Viscontti

Maria Callas

1932 - 1977

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Edith Piaf

1915 - 1963

Her father Louis-Alphonse Gassion was an acrobat, her mother Annetta Giovanna Maillard was a street singer.

Despite many problems throughout her career, Piaf eventually became the most highly paid star in the world.

"All that was left of Piaf was all that had ever counted - her immense, infallible voice, which rose to the roof, carrying its enormous authentic outcry…"

Janet Flanner

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Louis Armstrong

1901 - 1971

"I loved and respected Louis Armstrong. He was born poor, died rich, and never hurt anyone along the way."

— Duke Ellington

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Jerry Garcia

1942 - 1995

"He is a very **creative**... gifted child, becoming a successful musician or artist… is a **viable possibility** for him."

J. Garcia's Third Grade Teacher

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It's like this - these five members have been influenced of course by other groups, because that's where this generation's groups came from - an environment like…

the Beatles,
the Rolling Stones,
the Yardbirds,
and The Who.
People like that.

— Alice Cooper

The Rolling Stones

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