

Queen

- Do you know Freddie Mercury?
- How was his band called?
- What kind of music does he sing?
- Can you name any of his songs?
- Do you like him? Why/Why not?



Freddie Mercury (1946 - 1991) was a British musician, singer and songwriter, best known as the lead vocalist and lyricist of the rock band Queen. As a performer, he was known for his flamboyant stage persona and powerful vocals. As a songwriter, Mercury composed many hits for Queen, including 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'Killer Queen', 'Somebody to love', 'Don't stop me now' and 'We are the champions'. In addition to his work with Queen, he led a solo career, and also occasionally served as a producer and guest musician for other artists. He died of bronchopneumonia brought on by AIDS on 24 November 1991, only one day after publicly acknowledging he had the disease.

'We are the champions' was first recorded by Queen in 1977. It was a number one hit and soon became the anthem of successful sport teams around the world, though most people only know the chorus!

In 2001, Queen members Brian May and Roger Taylor recorded a new version of this song with British singer Robbie Williams.