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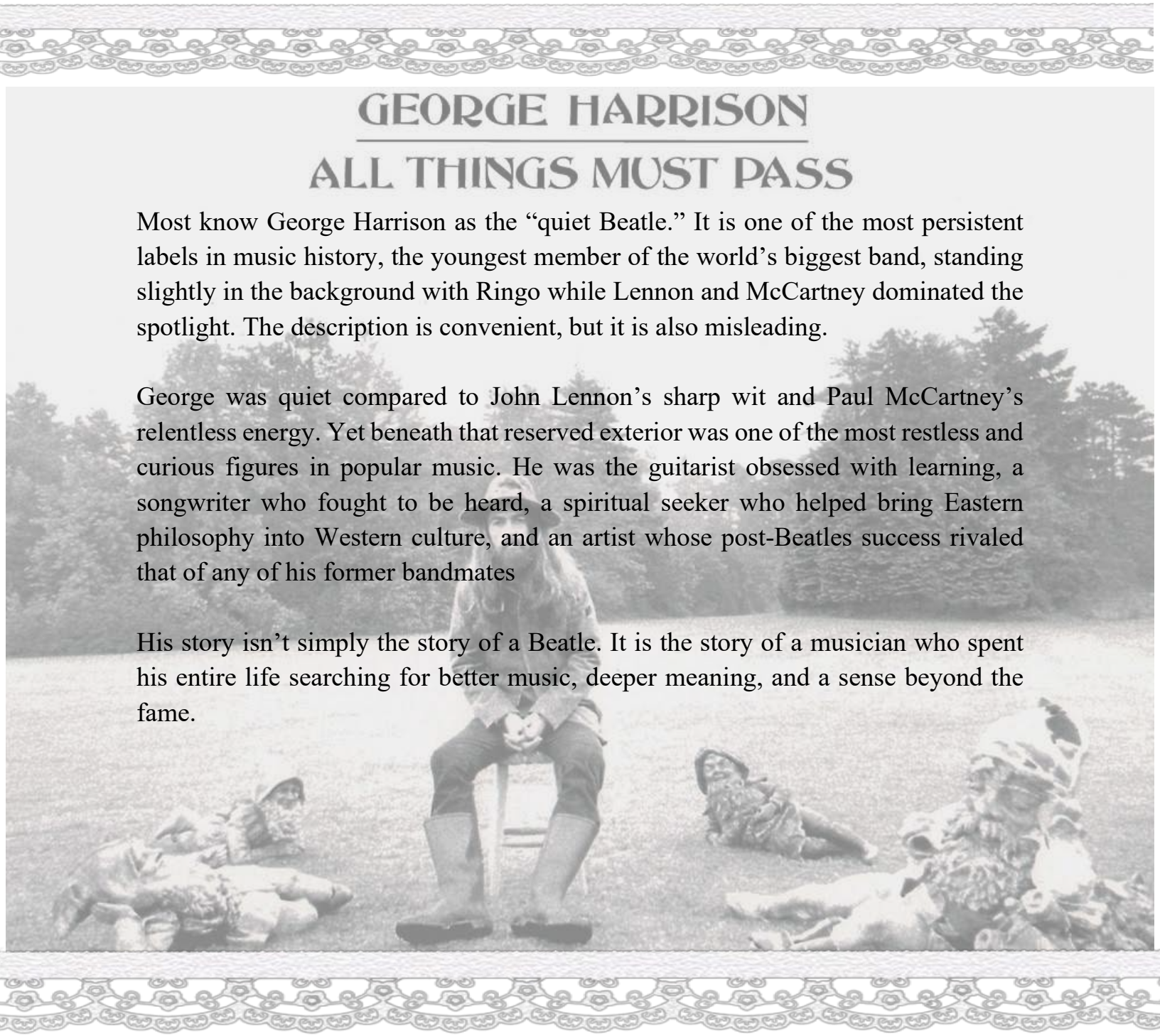
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GEORGE HARRISON ALL THINGS MUST PASS

Most know George Harrison as the “quiet Beatle.” It is one of the most persistent labels in music history, the youngest member of the world’s biggest band, standing slightly in the background with Ringo while Lennon and McCartney dominated the spotlight. The description is convenient, but it is also misleading.

George was quiet compared to John Lennon’s sharp wit and Paul McCartney’s relentless energy. Yet beneath that reserved exterior was one of the most restless and curious figures in popular music. He was the guitarist obsessed with learning, a songwriter who fought to be heard, a spiritual seeker who helped bring Eastern philosophy into Western culture, and an artist whose post-Beatles success rivaled that of any of his former bandmates

His story isn’t simply the story of a Beatle. It is the story of a musician who spent his entire life searching for better music, deeper meaning, and a sense beyond the fame.



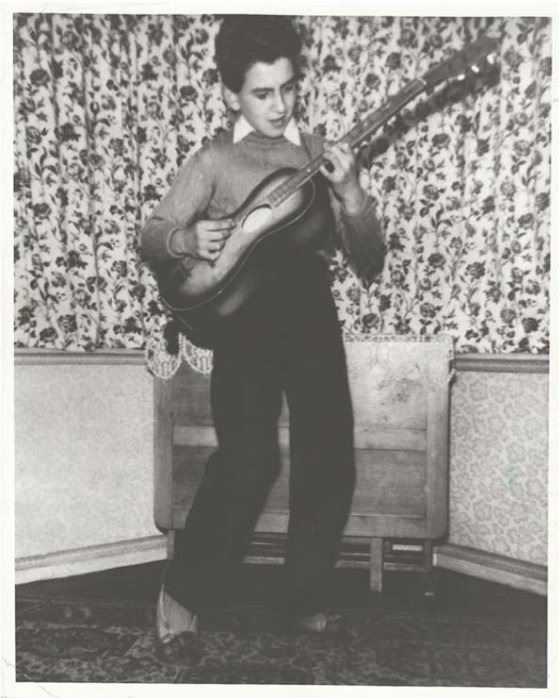


George Harrison was born on February 25, 1943, in Liverpool, England, during the darkest years of World War II. He was the youngest of four children born to Harold and Louise Harrison. The Harrisons lived a modest working-class life.

Harold worked as a bus conductor and later a bus driver while Louise took on various jobs to help support the family. Money was never plentiful, but George grew up in a household that was warm, supportive, and notably free of the dysfunction that affected many rock stars of his generation. Liverpool in the 1940s and 1950s was a city rebuilding itself. Bomb damage from the war remained visible, and opportunities could feel limited. Yet the city also possessed a vibrant culture fueled by sailors bringing records back from America. Rock and roll arrived in Liverpool like a shockwave.



As a child, George was often described as quiet but determined. He was fascinated by anything mechanical and artistic. Teachers sometimes viewed him as distracted, but those close to him noticed an intense focus whenever something genuinely captured his interest. That interest eventually became music. By his early teens, the explosion of American rock and roll had transformed Britain. George became captivated by artists such as Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Buddy Holly, and Little Richard. Their records sounded exciting, rebellious, and completely different from anything older generations listened to. Like countless teenagers of the era, he wanted a guitar.



Harrison convinced his parents to buy him a guitar. He practiced constantly, teaching himself chords and songs by listening to records and studying guitar techniques. His dedication quickly made him one of the most talented young guitarists in Liverpool.

Before joining The Beatles, Harrison played in a small skiffle and rock-and-roll group called The Rebels. Although the band lasted only a short time, it gave him valuable experience performing and working with other musicians.



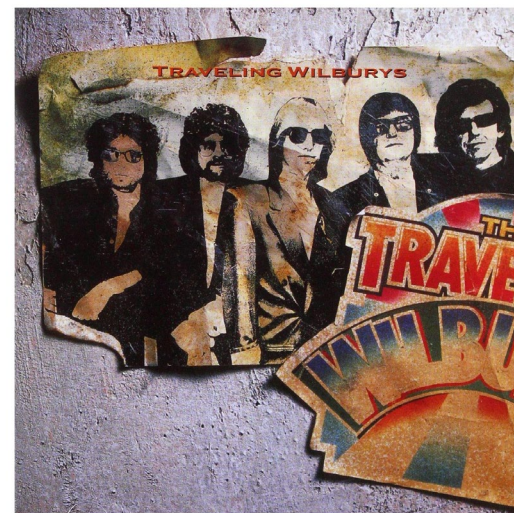
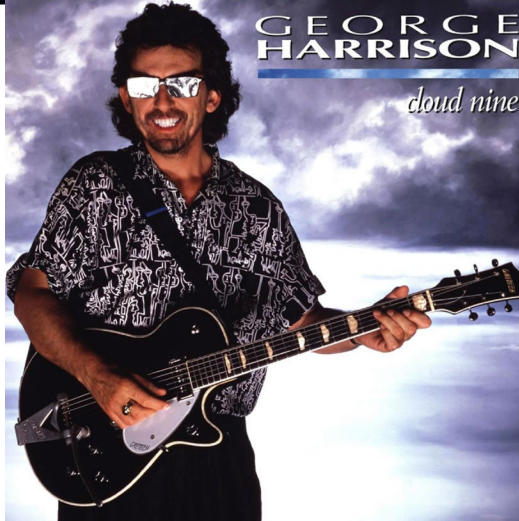
George Harrison first met Paul McCartney in the late 1950s when they were both teenagers in Liverpool. Paul was impressed by George's guitar playing and introduced him to John Lennon's skiffle group, which eventually evolved into The Beatles. Although George was the youngest member, he quickly became an essential part of the band.



As a Beatle, Harrison helped create some of the most influential music in history. While Lennon and McCartney wrote most of the group's songs, George contributed classics such as "Something," "Here Comes the Sun," and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." The Beatles became a worldwide phenomenon before breaking up in 1970.



After the band's split, Harrison enjoyed a successful solo career. His album *All Things Must Pass* was a major success and included the hit single "My Sweet Lord." In the late 1980s, he joined the Traveling Wilburys alongside Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, Roy Orbison, and Jeff Lynne, forming one of rock music's most celebrated supergroups.



Harrison continued recording and occasionally performing throughout the 1990s. Following a battle with cancer, he died on November 29, 2001, at the age of 58. Remembered as a gifted guitarist, songwriter, and spiritual seeker, George Harrison remains one of the most beloved figures in popular music.



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