



"All we are saying is give peace a chance."

*John Lennon*

John Lennon (1940-1980) was a musician, singer, songwriter, record producer, artist, writer, actor, and activist. An iconic rock star born in Liverpool, England, he rose to worldwide fame when his first band, the Quarrymen, evolved into the Beatles in 1960. The Beatles went on to become the most commercially successful and critically acclaimed band in music history. They eventually disbanded, leaving John to pursue his other interests including his role as an antiwar activist as well as solo music performer. His critically acclaimed songs such as *Give Peace a Chance* and *Imagine* gave voice to the Peace Movement. John Lennon was shot and killed in 1980. He was retrospectively inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.