

The Man In Black

- A Did you ever hear of a guy named Johnny Cash?
- B No. Did he invent money or something?
- A No, but he was probably pretty rich. He was a famous musician when he was alive.
- B He died?
- A Yeah. He died a few years ago.
- B What kind of music did he play?
- A Mostly country.
- B No. I don't like country cowboy music.
- A He played other kinds too. Rock. Gospel. He was a really good singer and musician. He wrote a lot of songs too. He started out with Elvis Presley.
- B Elvis was awesome. They called him "The King of Rock and Roll."
- A They called Johnny Cash "The Man in Black."
- B What for? Did he always wear a black hat or something?
- A Not just the hat. He wore black everything. He always wore all black.
- B That's pretty cool. But it would be kinda boring to wear the same color every day.
- A But there was a reason he wore black. The reason was definitely not boring.
- B What's the reason?

- A He said he would always wear black for the people who had no hope. And for the people who didn't have enough money or even enough food to eat.
- B So it's like he was making a personal sacrifice or something.
- A Yeah. He was doing it for other people. He wanted to see a happier and more beautiful world.
- B So what happened?
- A He always wore the black, up until the day he died. There's still poor people. We all know that.
- B It's kinda sad that he never saw things turn around for the people he was singing for. The people with no money. The ones with no hope.
- A But it's kinda inspiring too. It's amazing that a big famous musician would decide to do something like that for all those millions of people he never met.
- B And it makes me think about what kids can do.
- A Like who?
- B Like you and me.
- A Like maybe we can do something to make the world a better place too?
- B Yeah, why not? Or at least make our own little corner of the world a better place.