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In A Nutshell

The songs and the sounds we call "rock and roll" evolved from many different sources, in many different regions, and at many different moments in twentieth-century history. The music was shaped—and continues to be molded and transformed—by countless regular people, some doing what they love, others seeking refuge from what they hate, some hoping to change the world, and still others resisting what they fear.

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Brain Snacks - Trivia

Elvis Presley was 18 years old when he recorded his first song at Sun Records Studio.

(Presley, as an unsigned artist, recorded his first two songs as a birthday gift for his mother in 1953. Quite the thoughtful son!) On his third album, *Electric Ladyland*, Jimi Hendrix recorded a wailing, powerful version of "All Along the Watchtower," a song written and first recorded by folk singer Bob Dylan. Hendrix's version of the song, with its many electric guitar solos and wailing vocals, was vastly different from Dylan's quiet, harmonica-infused track. Dylan

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eventually changed the way he performed his own song to better reflect Hendrix's style—perhaps the greatest compliment ever paid to a young man who adored the folk singer's work.

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