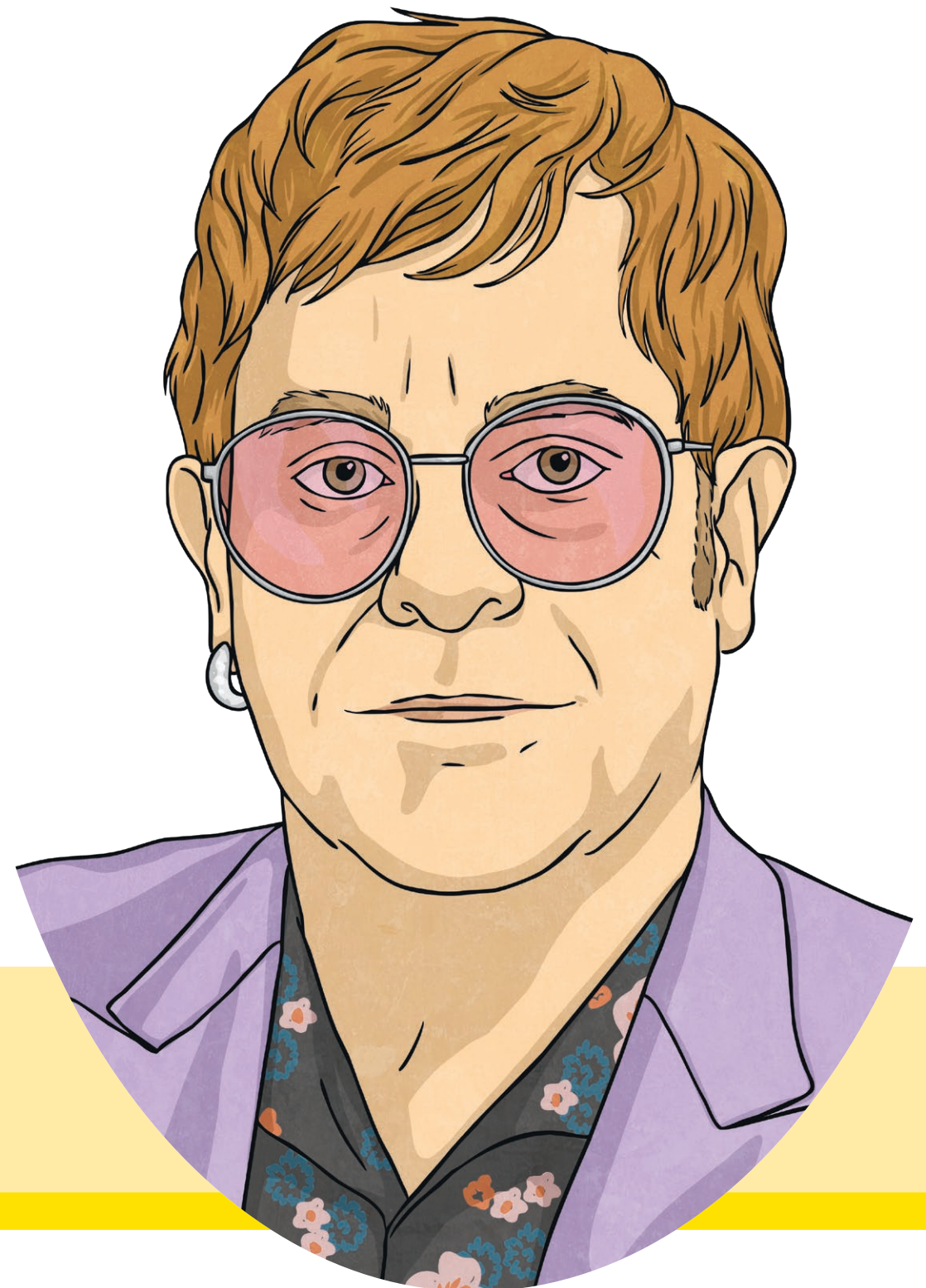


# Elton John

Famous Contemporary Musicians

## 1947



## About his life:

- His full name is Reginald Kenneth Dwight.
- He was born on 25th March 1947, in Pinner, Middlesex, UK.
- He started playing the piano when he was three, but he did not have formal lessons until he was seven.
- He met Bernie Taupin in 1967 and they started to write songs together. Some songs they wrote together include, 'Your Song', 'Don't Go Breaking My Heart' and 'Candle in the Wind'.
- In the UK, he has had 32 top 10 hits.
- He has received many music awards including the Academy Award for Best Original Song for 'Can You Feel The Love Tonight' from 'The Lion King' (an award he shared with Tim Rice).
- He sang a special version of 'Candle in the Wind' at Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. This song became the fastest selling single in history, eventually selling 33 million copies.