

# Should Bob Marley be a national hero?

Discover the Jamaican Legend in 5 dates

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## 1945: Birth of a legend

On February 6th Robert Nesta Marley (AKA Bob Marley) was born to mother Cedella Booker and father Norval Sinclair Marley in Nine Mile (Saint Ann Parish, Jamaica).

During his teenage years he settled in Trenchtown, a poor Kingston neighbourhood, and recorded his first song « <u>Judge not</u> » at the age of 17.

In the 60s (sixties) he turned to Rastafarianism and created an independent label with two friends, Bunny Wailer and Peter Tosh. Together they created a music band: The Wailers

# 1974: The rising star

During the 60s Bob Marley left for the USA, and after a few difficult years he finally hit success in the 70s. He went on many tours all around the world and became the idol of an entire generation.

Fame came on September 20th 1974, when American singer Eric Clapton was <u>awarded</u> for his version of Bob Marley's « <u>I shot the sheriff</u> ». This allowed Marley to <u>launch</u> his international career.

#### 1970. THE CIVE LOVE PEACE

## concert

In the 1970s Jamaica was <u>rolled</u> by poverty, violence and political turmoil. The situation was exacerbated by Prime Minister Michael Manley of the People's National Party (PNP) and opposition leader Edward Seaga of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), who used gang leaders and the ongoing <u>turf wars</u>.

The situation was so bad that Marley and his wife were both shot at their Kingston home in December 1976, to the arm (Bob) and to the head (Rita), prompting them to leave the country.

Rival gang leaders Claudie Massop and Bucky Marshall met in a Kingston jail sometime afterward and made a plan for a unifying peace concert, and after prison, Massop flew to London to pitch the idea to Marley. Marley was receptive, giving the project the headlining presence it needed to rally politicians and fellow musicians.

So on April 22nd 1978 the ONE LOVE CONCERT was organised in Kingston at the National Stadium.

The concert came to its peak during Bob Marley and the Wailers' performance of "Jammin'", when Marley joined the hands of political rivals Michael Manly (PNP) and Edward Seaga (JLP).

Unfortunately, the event did little to stop the political violence. Massop and Marshall were both killed within two years after the concert. The following election year in 1980 would see 889 reported murders in Jamaica, over 500 more than the previous year.

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# 1980: Battling cancer

In 1980 Bob's health started deteriorating. After a checkup Bob's doctor discovered he had a big brain cancer.

Rita had some of the <u>ongoing</u> concerts cancelled to let Bob rest and have chemotherapy and radiations. However, he still gave a last performance at the Stanley Theatre (Pittsburgh) on September 23rd.

Bob left Pittsburgh for Germany to have an experimental treatment. However, his health continued deteriorating until he got so sick that there was nothing else left to do but ease his pain.

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## 1981: The death of a legend

After months of battling cancer, Bob was taken to Miami where his mother Cedella lived. He died there on May 11th 1981, at the age of 36, leaving family and fans all over the world devastated.

Bob was burried in Jamaica on May 21st 1981 at Nine Mile, the village where, 36 years earlier, he had been born. His heavy bronze coffin was carried to the top of the highest hill in the village and placed in a temporary mausoleum painted in the colours of red, green and gold.

37 years later Bob Marley is still one of the greatest legends on earth. His family keeps on carrying his message throughout the world.

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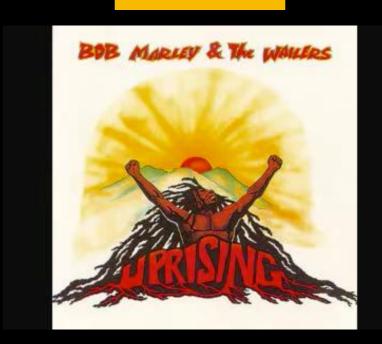
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Natural mystic



Africa Unite



Forever loving Jah



So much trouble in the world



One love

# Vocabulary

| Wailer —> someone who wails/cries | Back |
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| Legacy —> Héritage                | Back |
| To record —> Enregistrer          | Back |
| To launch —> Lancer, débuter      | Back |
| Roiled —> agité                   | Back |
| Turf War —> guerre de territoire  | Back |
| To burry —> enterrer              | Back |
| To be awarded —> recevoir un prix | Back |

# Family life



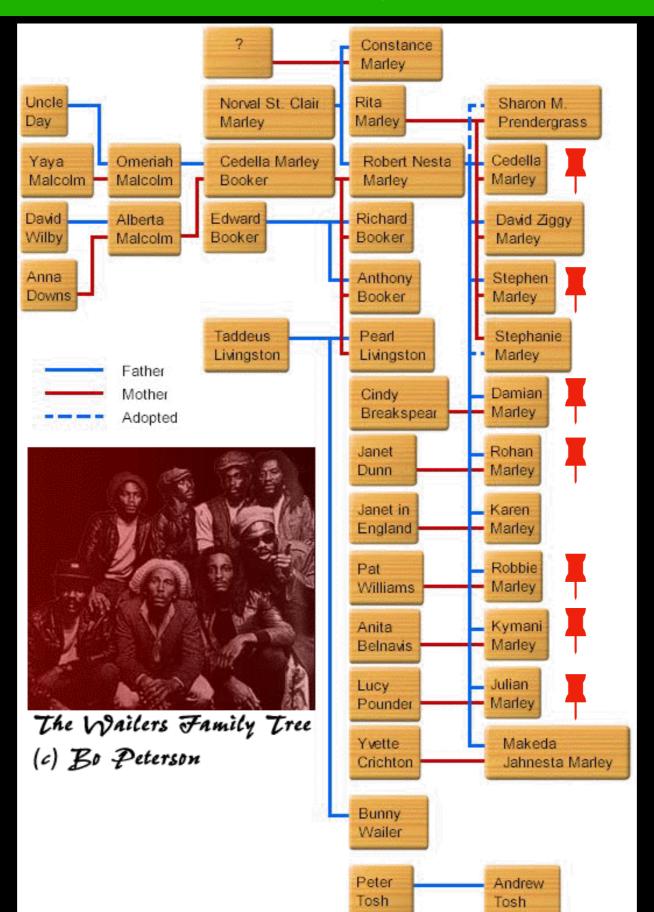


In 1966 Bob Marley married Alpharita Contantia Anderson (Rita Marley). Together they had 5 children: Sharon, Cedella, David aka « Ziggy », Stephen and Robert Marley.

Bob Marley also had children with other women: Rohan, Karen, Stephanie, Julian, Ky-Mani and Damian « Junior Gong » Marley.

### Bob's family tree

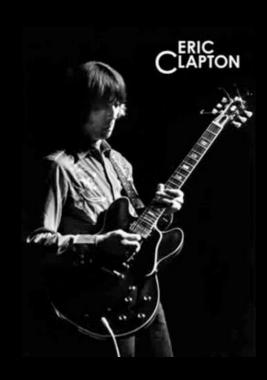
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Bob Marley's family Julian Rohan **Ky-Mani** Skip (grandson) Jo Mersa (grandson) **Damian** Robbie Cedella

Click on the screen to discover two versions of the song « I shot the Sheriff »



**Clapton version** 

**Marley version** 

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#### A concert for peace



**Interview in Norway** 



Performing « Jammin' » at the ONE LOVE CONCERT



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**Ziggy Marley** 

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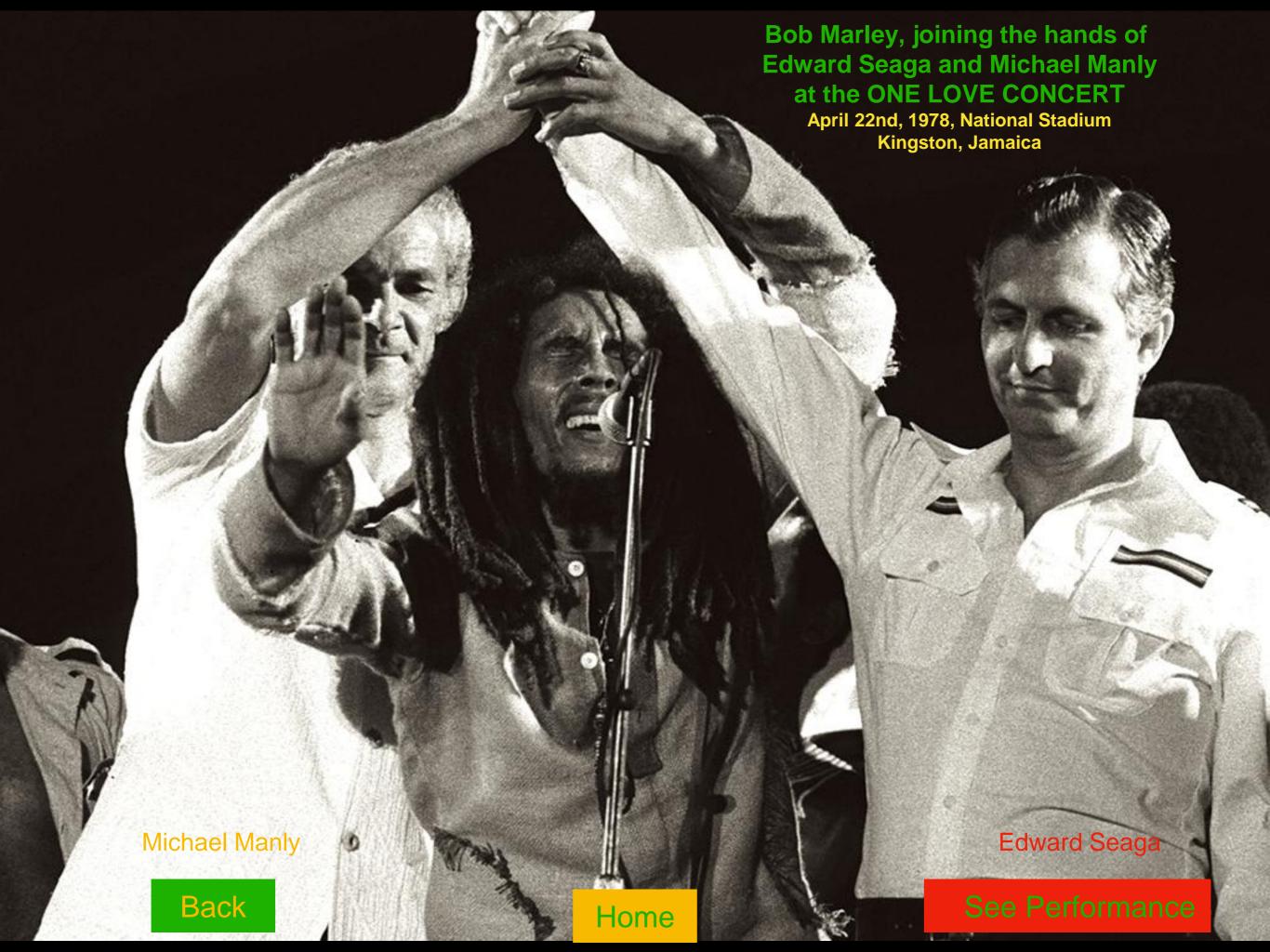
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# Bob Marley and the Wailers' performance at the ONE LOVE CONCERT

- "Lion of Judah"
- "Natural Mystic"
- "Trenchtown Rock"
- "Natty Dread"
- "Positive Vibration"
- "War"
- "Jammin"
- "One Love / People Get Ready"
- "Jah Live"

## Rastafarianism

Rastafarianism is a religious movement (especially popular in Jamaica — 5% to 10% of the population) that is less than a century old. It had its beginnings in a black, political movement that started in the 1920s/30s.

One of the early influences who paved the way for this cult was Marcus Garvey (1887-1940). Garvey, a Jamaican who lived in New York City, believed that the black man would never receive fair treatment in a white man's world. He thus organized a "back-to-Africa" movement that attracted thousands of followers among the poor blacks of certain large-city urban areas. Garvey was sent to prison, and finally returned to his native Jamaica in 1927.

At about the same time, Garvey allegedly "prophesied" that a black king would be crowned in Africa, and through that monarch deliverance for black people would be realized eventually.

In 1930, a man by the name of Ras Tafari Makonnen (1893-1975) was crowned as emperor of Ethiopia. He became known as Haile Selassie I (signifying, "Power of the Trinity"). Selassie was from a dynasty that boasted of having descended from a union between King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. At his coronation, he was exalted as "King of Kings, Lord of Lords, His Imperial Majesty of the Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Elect of God." In the minds of many, Selassie was perceived as the "fulfillment" of Marcus Garvey's earlier "prophecy."

The followers of Selassie began to designate themselves as "Rastafarians," after the emperor's original name (though, apparently, Selassie himself never joined the cult). The main focus of the movement was in Jamaica, but many Rastafarians migrated to the United States in the 1960s/70s. They now number more than 1,000,000 world-wide.

## « Ras » Bob Marley

Bob Marley converted from the Christianity of his childhood to join the Rastafari Movement in the late 1960s. By all reputable accounts, he remained a devoted Rastafarian and an ambassador of the belief system until his death in 1981.

How Did Bob Marley Practice His Religion?

Bob Marley grew his hair out into dreadlocks, took on a vegetarian diet, partook in the ritual use of ganja (marijuana), a sacrament for Rastafarians, as well as other elements of practice.

Marley also became a spokesperson for his faith and for his people, becoming the first major public face

of Rastafari and using his influence to speak openly about black liberation, Pan-Africanism, fundamental Rastafari in Bob Marley's Music

social justice, and relief from poverty and oppression, particularly for black Jamaicans, but also for

Marley proudly used Rastafari language and themes, as well as pertinent scriptural references, in the song lyrics that he wrote. His songs cover many topics, from romantic love to political revolution.

There is a substantial body of his work that deals directly with Rasta beliefs, both metaphysical and worldly. Some of those songs include the following:

- "Natty Dread"
- "Positive Vibration"
- "Small Axe"
- "Exodus"
- « Survival"

## Bob Marley's funeral

May 21st 1981, Kingston, Jamaica

#### Bob died on 11th May 1981 He was 36 years old

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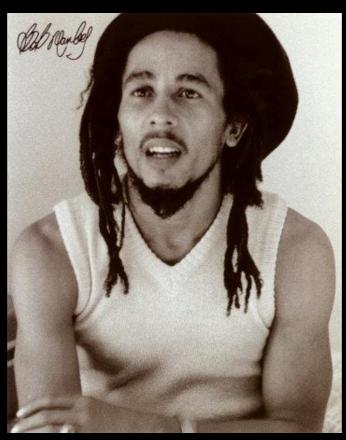
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Bob throughout the years

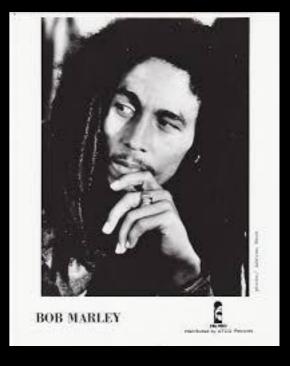










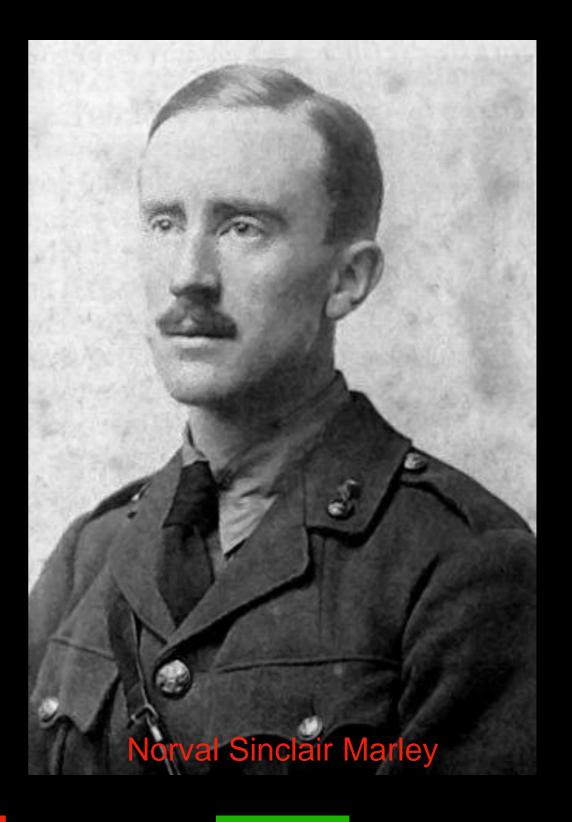




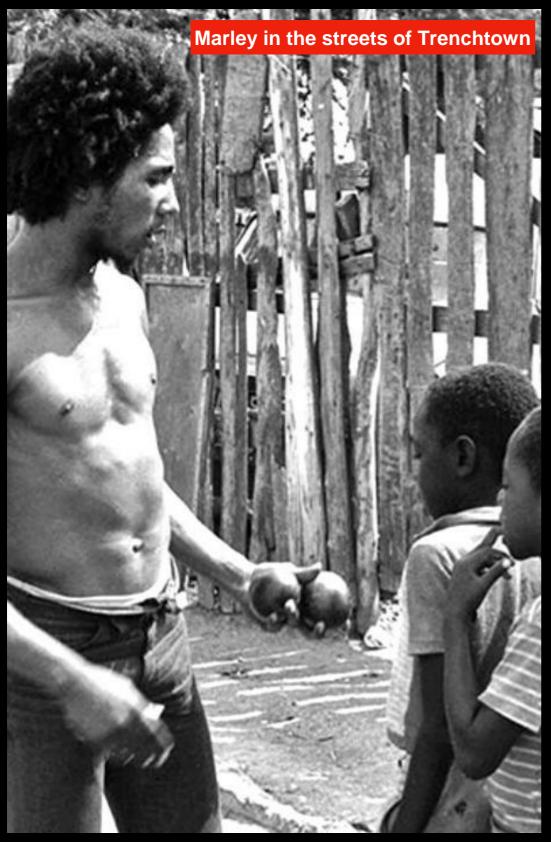


## Bob's parents





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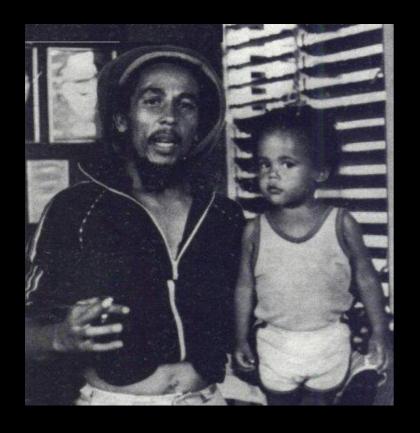




## The Wailers







Bob with his children









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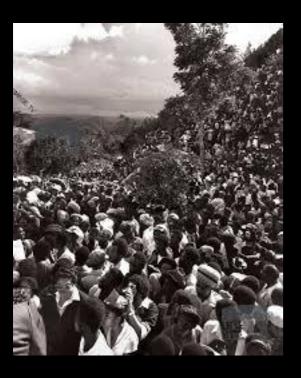




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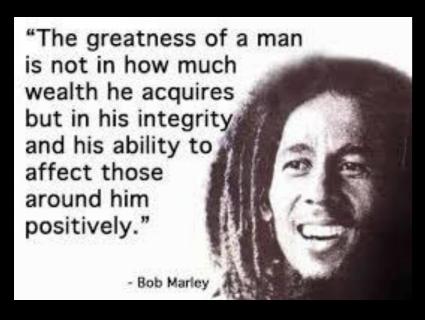




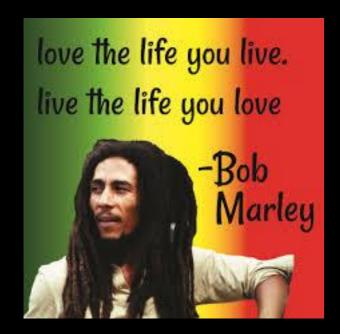












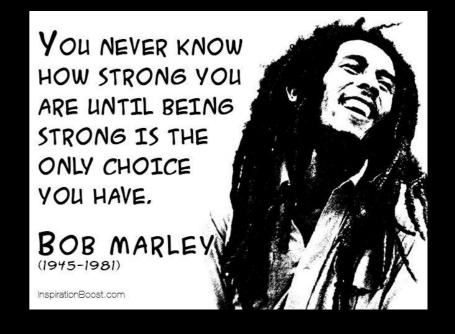
## Quotes

I no have education.
I have inspiration. If
I was educated I
would be a
damn fool.

KeepInspiring.me

Bob Marley





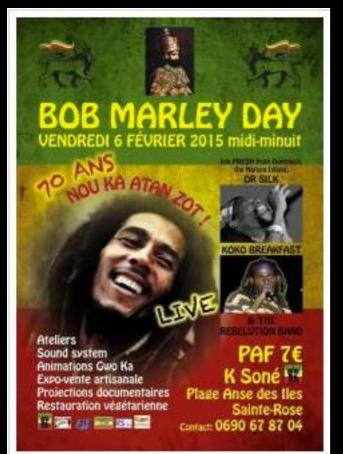




#### Legacy



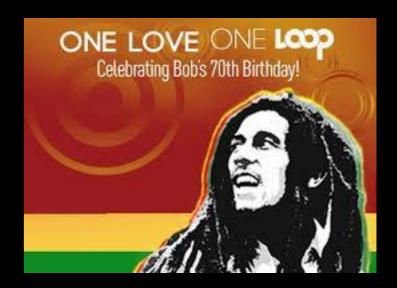
#### **Bob Marley day in Guadeloupe!**











#### Bob Marley day declared in Los Angeles

The Los Angeles City Council has declared a special day in honour of the Jamaican reggae star, Bob Marley.

The musician's eldest son, Ziggy Marley, attended the ceremony and celebrated the day with family.

He said his father would be happy to be recognised by a "wide spectrum of society".

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# Legacy Bob Marley Museum





## Prince Charles at the Museum



President Obama is the first President who has ever visited Marley's museum



# Legacy He lives on...

Bob Marley died but his music lives on and his family is no stranger to it. His children and grandchildren carry on his message to the world.

Discover a part of their music!



Ziggy Marley (son)
Tomorrow people



Stephen Marley (son) feat. Pitbull *Options* 



Damian Marley (son) feat. Bruno Mars Liquor store blues



Jo Mersa Marley (grandson)

Burn it down



Skip Marley (grandson) *Lions* 



Zuri Marley (grandaughter)
Natural Mystic/Jammin' cover

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# Legacy ... and on!



Nico Marley and his father Rohan Marley.

Nico recently joined the NFL (National Football league).

Rohan is a former football player too.

Bob Marley's family is huge, as he's had many children who now have children too. Talent runs in the family and we haven't seen yet all they can and surely will do!



Selah Marley
is the daughter of
Rohan Marley and
world famous singer
Lauryn Hill.
She's 20 years old
and a famous model now.

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Jamaica's greatest legend to this day

**Bob « Tuff Gong » Marley** 



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