



STORMZY: RAPPER, SINGER, SONGWRITER

Stormzy is a Christian and on the BBC's 2019 Christmas day line-up he read a passage from the Gospel of Luke

“I was a very naughty child, on the verge of being expelled.”

Michael Ebenezer Kwadjo Omari Owuo Jr. aka Stormzy was born in Croydon in 1993.

He is a British rapper, singer, songwriter, and political activist. He began rapping at 11 in his local youth club, eventually performing regularly against older rappers.

Stormzy's debut track, "Shut Up", was initially released as a freestyle on YouTube in 2015 before rocketing to the top 10 on the UK Singles Chart.

Following its success Stormzy won Best Grime Act at the MOBO Awards. His debut album, *Gang Signs & Prayer*, was the first grime album to reach number one on the UK Albums Chart and won British Album of the

Year at the 2018 Brit Awards. In 2019, Stormzy achieved his first UK number one single with "Vossi Bop." He headlined Glastonbury later that year to unanimous critical praise. He performed in a Union Jack stab vest designed by street artist Banksy to highlight the rise in knife crime in London.

Stormzy is involved in a number of charitable projects and his company has pledged £10 million over 10 years to organisations engaged in the fight for racial equality and social justice.