

Marianne Faithfull (1946-2025) – Sex, Drugs, Rock ‘n’ Roll, Homelessness and Shakespeare – RIP*

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The words in **bold** are defined below.

Marianne Faithfull, born in 1946, emerged as a prominent figure in the 1960s music scene, captivating audiences with her **ethereal** voice and **striking beauty**. Her rendition of "[As Tears Go By](#)," **penned by** [Mick Jagger](#) and [Keith Richards](#), **propelled** her to fame and established her as a muse within the rock community.

Beyond her musical talents, Faithfull's personal life **garnered** significant public attention. Her relationship with Mick Jagger placed her at the epicenter of the [swinging London](#) scene, but it also exposed her to the era's darker **facets**. Struggles with addiction and periods of homelessness marked her journey, yet she continually reinvented herself, **embodying** resilience and the archetype of a rock survivor.

In the late 1970s, Faithfull redefined her musical identity with the release of "[Broken English](#)," an album that **showcased** a **raw**, unfiltered vocal style and introspective lyrics. This work resonated with a new generation, cementing her status as an enduring artist capable of profound reinvention.

Throughout her career, Faithfull ventured into acting, with notable performances that highlighted her versatility and depth as an artist. [\[It included playing Shakespeare.\]](#) Her contributions to music and culture were recognized with various **accolades**, reflecting her impact on the arts.

Marianne Faithfull's life was a **tapestry** of triumphs and tribulations, reflecting the complexities of fame, personal struggle, and artistic evolution. Her **legacy** endures, inspiring **countless** artists and fans who admire her **unwavering** spirit and contributions to the cultural landscape.

*RIP – rest in peace

Ethereal: extremely delicate or refined; exquisite; almost as light as air; impalpable; airy.

Striking beauty: remarkable beauty (to strike = to hit: in other situations, to stop working for better pay or better working conditions)

Penned by: written by.

To propel: To cause to move forward or onward (e.g. a ship or a plane's propeller).

To garner: to gather, to acquire, to collect,
to harvest and store

Facet: aspect, side.

To embody: to represent in a body, to incarnate

Broken English: the use of incorrect or poor English, often by someone who is a foreigner

To showcase: to put on show, in a showcase or display case as in a shop or museum

Raw: natural, unrefined, uncooked

Accolade: prize, reward

Tapestry: a cloth with embroidered designs, usually hung on a wall

Legacy: what she has left, her inheritance

Countless: too many to count

Unwavering: not changing, determined, perseverant, unflinching



[Wikipedia, Marianne Faithfull](#)