

Throwback: Jimi Hendrix-Ezy Ryder



Jimi Hendrix and Buddy Miles 1964 Credit: Breezin704

Jimi Hendrix's "Ezy Ryder" was included on his first posthumous album *The Cry Of Love*. It was one of the songs Hendrix was working on when he died in 1970. He started working on "Ezy Ryder" in 1969 at Olympic Studios in London. He debuted the song with his Band Of Gypsys which included drummer Buddy Miles and bass player Billy Cox at the Fillmore East on New Year's Eve in 1969. The studio recording of "Ezy Ryder" was one of the few times Hendrix was recorded with Cox and Miles. The funk soared with the pyrotechnics of Hendrix's notes which exhibited his ability to play bass, lead, and rhythm at the same time. *The Cry Of Love* was accepted as a legitimate album by critics and fans and reached Gold status within a month of its March 1971 release. "Ezy Ryder" also appears on the *Voodoo Soup* compilation which was Alan Douglas' attempt to construct Hendrix's planned fourth album and *First Rays Of The New Rising Sun*. Zayn Malik covered "Angel" in 2022

to honor what would have been Jimi Hendrix's 80th birthday.

