

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.



Jimi Hendrix-Machine Gun: Live At The Fillmore East 12/31/69 (First Show) Trailer

[youtube id="AgBxLy3fr94"] On New Year's Eve of 1969 Jimi Hendrix had his famous Band of Gypsys' concerts at the

Fillmore East in New York City. The shows were a musical turning point in his short life because he was transitioning from his Experience band and focusing on more soulful sounds with The Band Of Gypsys. These shows are also noted for his electrifying performance of "Machine Gun" that transported the audience to the Vietnam War with a virtuosity that made his guitar sound just like combat. On September 30th the first of the shows that took place on New Year's will be available as the recording, [Machine Gun: Live At The Fillmore East 12/31/69 \(First Show\)](#). In this trailer, his longtime engineer Eddie Kramer and his friend and Band of Gypsy's bandmember Billy Cox talk about these performances and where Hendrix was musically focused at the time.Â In 2011, the shows that happened the following night on January 1, 1970, were released in DVD form as [Band Of Gypsys:Live At The Fillmore East](#). These were some of Hendrix's last performances as he died in September of 1970.

Happy Birthday Jimi!