

# Throwback: David Bowie-This Is Not America



David Bowie and Pat Metheny collaborated on "This Is Not America" for the soundtrack to *The Falcon and the Snowman*. Bowie wrote the lyrics after watching the film which was about two American men who sold security secrets to the Soviet Union. Metheny plays rhythm guitar on the moody single and Bowie's poetic words captured the essence of the movie's theme of disillusionment and betrayal. He did not appear in the video which was comprised of clips from the movie. "This Is Not America" was released as a single in 1985 and it appeared

on the soundtrack. The song also appears on various Bowie albums including *The Singles Collection*, *Tonight*, *Best Of Bowie*, *The Platinum Collection*, *The Best Of David Bowie*, *Nothing Has Changed*, *Bowie Legacy*, and the *Loving The Alien* boxset. The late artist performed a variation of the song for Diddy's "American Dream" from *The Training Day* soundtrack. On January 8, 2024, Paris dedicated a road named Rue David Bowie to the singer on what would have been his 77th birthday.

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## Media Questions Of The Week

Why are so many artist catalogs being sold?

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*I am South Sudanese. I have lived here probably longer than these models and I can assure you that there is nobody moving around looking like this.*

*As an artist, I can also assure you that this is not art. This is Black Skin Porn. Black Fetish. Reverse Bleaching*  
[pic.twitter.com/iQzTKur6kx](https://pic.twitter.com/iQzTKur6kx)

– Akau Jambo (@AkauJambo) [January 14, 2022](#)

Is the February 2022 issue of British Vogue with all Black models on the cover an example of 'Black Skin Porn?'

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# David Bowie: Let's Dance Demo

[youtube id="PExpZECskrs"] David Bowie would've been 71 today (January 8th) and Parlophone Records is marking the day with the release of the "Let's Dance" demo. Nile Rodgers' unmistakable rhythm guitar is part of the unknown band on the recording that happened in 1982 at a studio in Montreux, Switzerland. Rodgers says,

*"I've been blessed with a wonderful career but my creative partnership with David Bowie ranks very, very, very high on the list of my most important and rewarding collaborations. This demo gives you, the fans, a bird's eye view of the very start of it! I woke up on my first morning in Montreux with David peering over me. He had an acoustic guitar in his hands and exclaimed, 'Nile, darling, I think this is a HIT!'"*

*This recording was the first indication of what we could do together as I took his 'folk song' and arranged it into something that the entire world would soon be dancing to and seemingly has not stopped dancing to for the last 35 years! It became the blue print not only for Let's Dance the song but for the entire album as well.*

*If you played 2nd guitar or drums let us know who you are!*

*The time we spent mixing it just before Christmas was full of tears as it felt like David was in the room with us. Happy Birthday David, I love you and we all miss you!."*

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# David Bowie: The Last Five Years HBO Trailer

[youtube id="0wuuDpwPYxo"] *David Bowie: The Last Five Years* is an exclusive HBO documentary about Bowie's music and his *The Next Day* and *Blackstar* albums. Friends and musicians who worked with Bowie discuss his lifetime of artistry and those last two albums which are companion pieces. Archival footage is also mixed into the storytelling about his music. He was diagnosed with liver cancer in 2015 but continued to work until his passing in 2016. Bowie was rare because of his overall achievements through the decades but who died still at his best as an artist. The documentary will air on HBO next year.