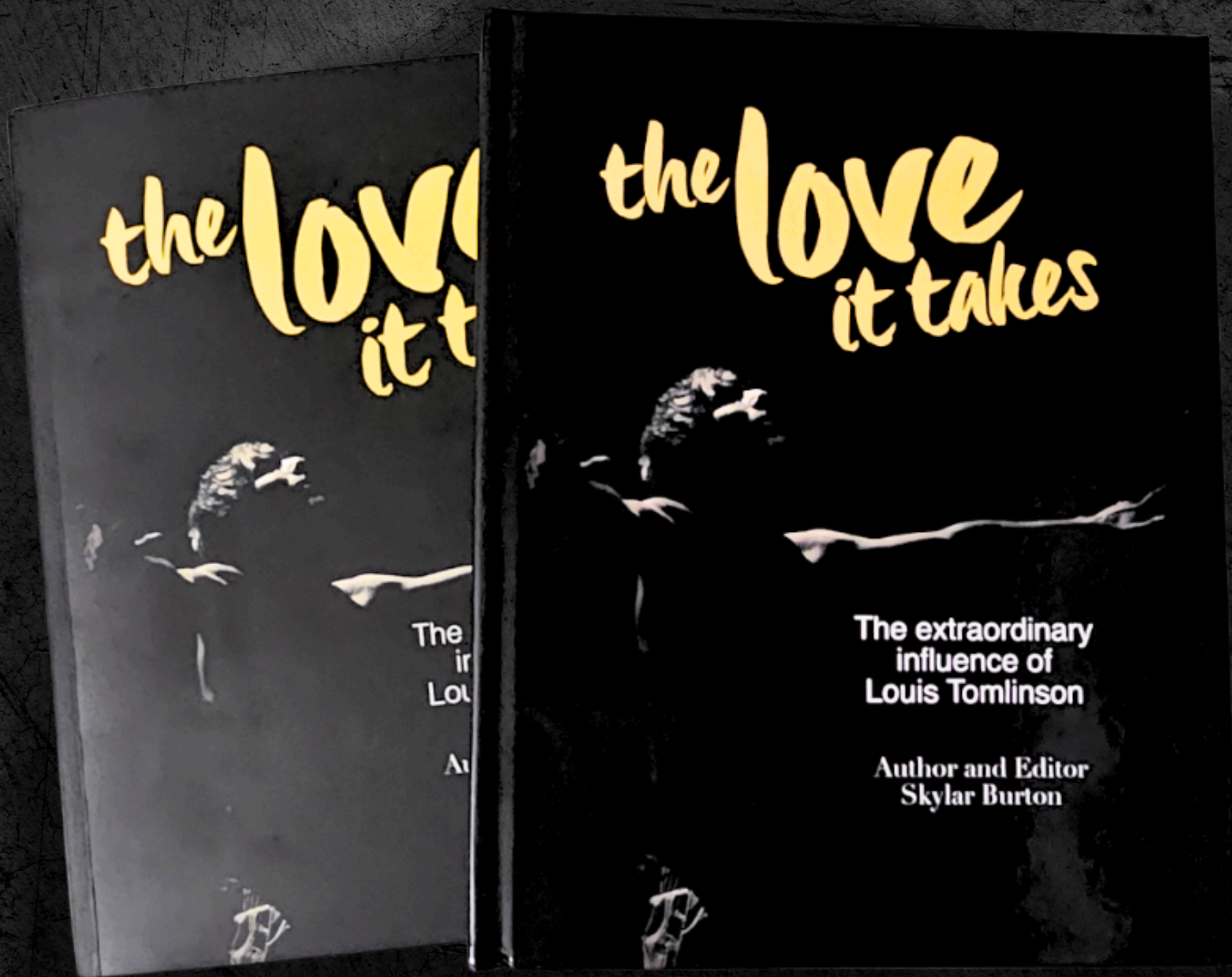


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Louis Tomlinson transcends his music to inspire a community.

The book is completely
unauthorized by Louis Tomlinson
and his management.

The Love It Takes explores the remarkable impact of Louis Tomlinson, a celebrity whose life and career exemplify the pinnacle of resilience and the strength of collective support. In contrast to conventional celebrity stories and photo collections crafted by management teams or officially sanctioned writers with specific motives, this book is uniquely authored by his fans. Being unauthorized, it stands out as raw, sincere, and deeply moving.

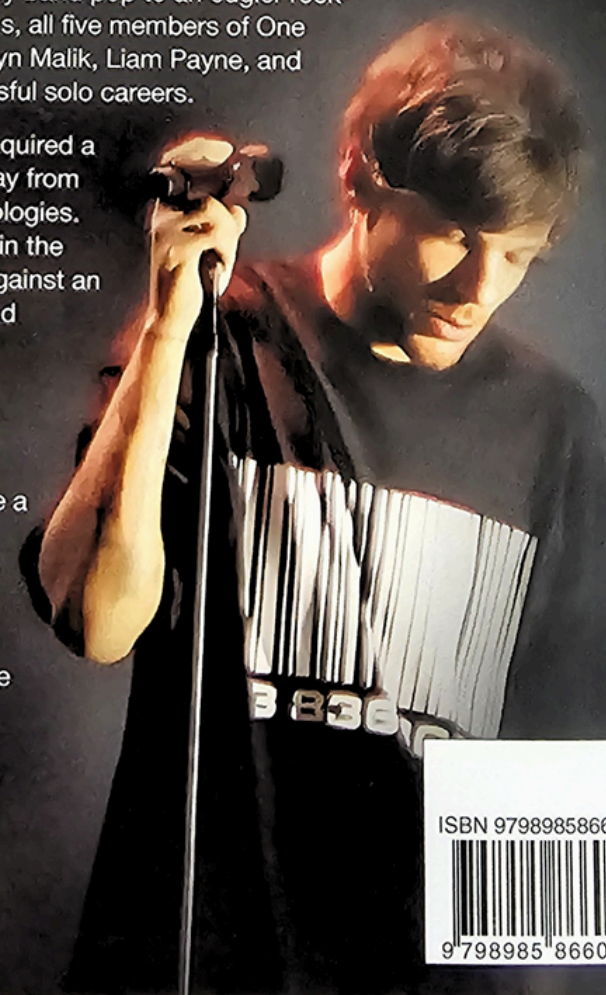
Louis Tomlinson rose to prominence as a pivotal member of One Direction—a band that, within a span of five years, broke records with five chart-topping albums, embarked on four global sell-out tours, and garnered numerous accolades before going on indefinite hiatus in 2016.

Tomlinson's contribution was critical to the development of the band, gaining more writing credits than other members as the sound of One Direction grew from boy band pop to an edgier rock-inspired discography. Since the hiatus, all five members of One Direction, Tomlinson, Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, and Harry Styles have carved out successful solo careers.

Tomlinson's growth as a solo artist required a bit more ingenuity as he stepped away from typical industry promotional methodologies. His solo success demanded bravery in the face of personal tragedy, resilience against an industry that demands conformity, and rediscovery of his musical soul.

Through a mix of art, poetry, photos, and personal stories, this book is a tribute to the idea that one person's journey can motivate others to pursue a path of authenticity and courage, making a meaningful difference in the world. In the end, Tomlinson's legacy may well be defined not only by the records he breaks but by the hearts he touches and the lives he inspires.

For those unfamiliar with Louis Tomlinson, this is your invitation to discover why his story matters.



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OUR COLLECTIVE JOURNEY

Louis Tomlinson and our Collective Journey

In the process of compiling this book I've come to appreciate the complex mosaic of experiences, emotions, and lessons that mirror the essence of Louis Tomlinson's own evolution. Each piece is a testament to the trials, triumphs, and transitions that have defined his path from his days in One Direction to his solo career, all amidst the backdrop of personal challenges and the global pause enforced by the pandemic.

The irony, or perhaps serendipity, of the pandemic's timing is not lost on me. It postponed Louis' first solo tour, Walls, yet, paradoxically, this interruption served as a catalyst, drawing in a wave of new fans. This period of global introspection allowed many to rediscover Louis as a solo artist, resonating deeply with his authenticity, resilience, and the profound sense of connection he fosters among his fans. It's a poignant reminder that sometimes, good things are only recognized in hindsight, and what may seem like a challenge can be a period of growth and learning.

This book, in essence, is an homage not only to Louis' enduring impact on his fans but also to the lessons embedded in our shared experiences—patience, resilience, and the power of taking action even when the path ahead seems uncertain. It's a narrative that interlinks all of his dedicated fans, bound by a "red thread" of love, resilience, and gratitude that Louis exemplifies. The stories within these pages echo a collective journey of learning, adapting, and finding strength in the face of adversity.

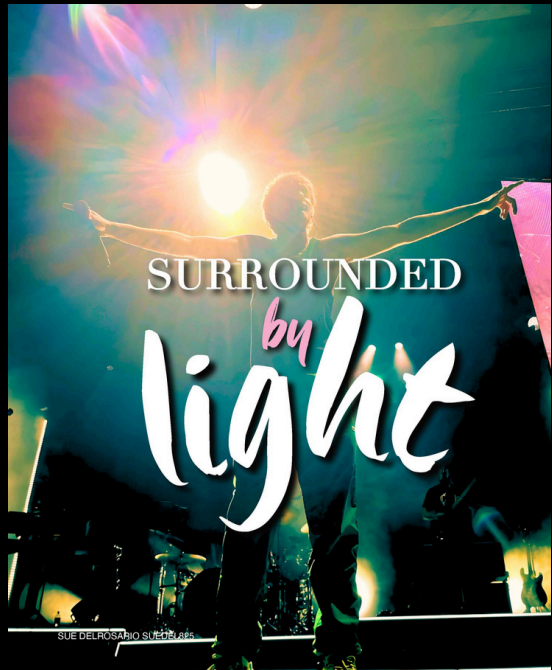
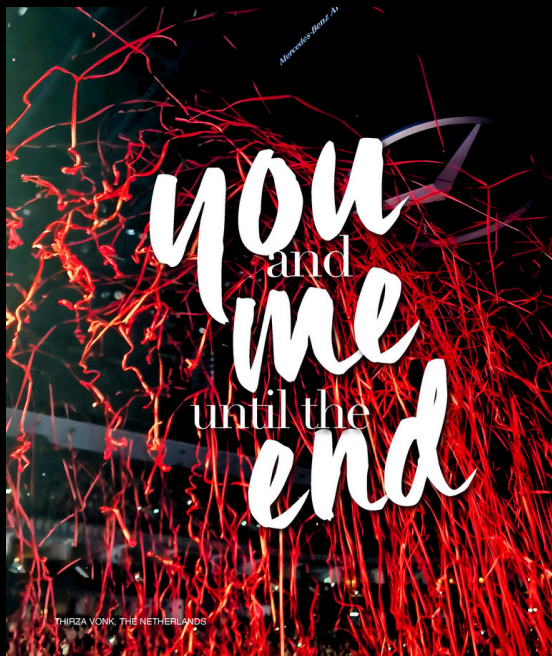
Louis Tomlinson stands as a beacon of resilience, a testament to the power of authentic connection, and a catalyst for change within the music industry and beyond. It's a celebration of the unexpected paths that lead us to discover deeper connections and the enduring impact of an artist who continues to give, evolve, and inspire.

Sky Burton

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SECTIONS



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WHO IS LOUIS TOMLINSON?

Who is Louis Tomlinson?

If this book has reached you and you're unfamiliar with Louis Tomlinson, you're in the perfect place to begin your journey. This compilation of stories, notes, and poetry will tug at your heartstrings, evoke tears, and bring smiles. Known affectionately by his fans as "King," the reason behind this nickname will become clear.

However, Louis Tomlinson is not without his trials; he has faced challenges that have left indelible marks on his life. From the pain of losing loved ones to career setbacks, from the demoralization of being told he wasn't good enough to being deliberately undermined, his journey has been fraught with obstacles. These struggles, exacerbated by the pressures of the music industry, paint a picture of a life that, while unique, shares common threads with the experiences of many of us.

Despite a lack of conventional support mechanisms such as radio play, grand promotional campaigns, or manufactured stories designed to keep him in the public eye daily, Louis Tomlinson has managed to evolve from a boy band icon in One Direction to an important and revolutionary solo artist almost entirely through organic methods.

This book explores his influence through the eyes of his fans and how he has inspired them worldwide, the deep connection they feel with his music, his resilient personality, and why they remain loyal.

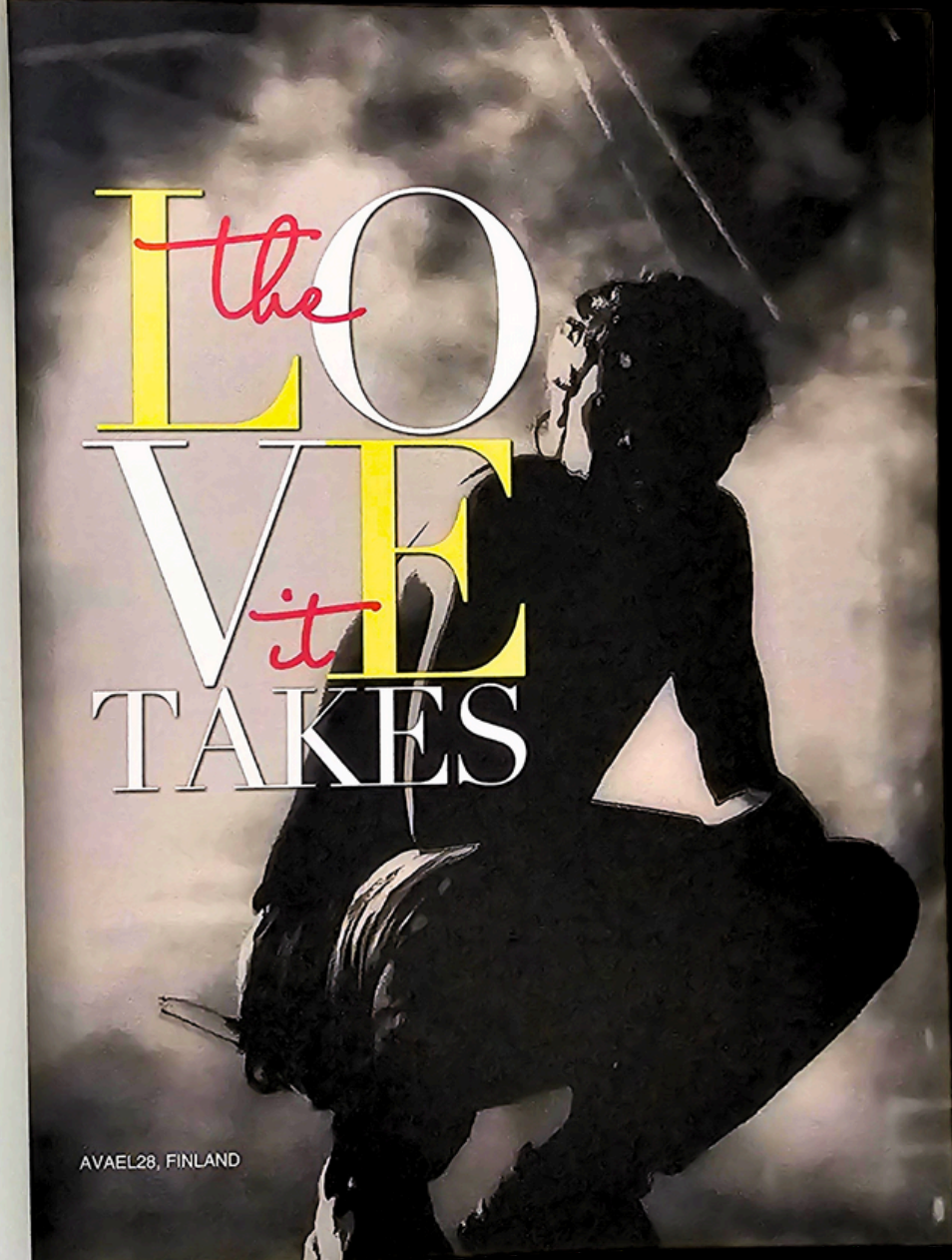
But if you want an understanding of Louis Tomlinson, I encourage you to watch *All of Those Voices*, his documentary film released in March 2023. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Charlie Lightening, it offers an intimate look into his life, the challenges following the hiatus of One Direction, and his journey to his 2022 *Walls* solo tour.

However, the film can't cover everything, especially the intricacies of the music industry—a sector known for its complexity and challenges. If you're unfamiliar with the workings of the industry, I urge you to research it. Though what you discover may be disconcerting, it will provide context for the narratives you're presented with by the mainstream media and the often-fairy-tale images crafted by the industry to ensure an asset produces a financial reward. How do I know? I used to own a PR agency.

Louis Tomlinson stands out as one of the most authentic performers I've encountered, unafraid to show his true self, whether he's dressed in designer attire or sharing candid moments directly with his fans. His authenticity extends beyond his music to how he presents himself on social media, further endearing him to his audience.

So, keep reading and you'll discover the reasons behind Louis Tomlinson's enduring appeal.

Skylar Burton



WHO IS LOUIS TOMLINSON?

"Fans call him 'King' for a reason. Despite a lack of conventional support such as radio play, grand promotional campaigns, or manufactured stories designed to keep him in the public eye daily, Tomlinson has managed to evolve from boy band icon out of the iconic band One Direction to a revolutionary solo artist almost entirely through organic methods."

"Tomlinson stands out as an authentic performer in an industry full of those owned and controlled by management. His authenticity extends beyond his music to show how he presents himself in public settings and social media, further endearing him to his audience."

SPECIAL SHOWS

November 17, 2023
London O2 Arena (sold-out show)

In the heart of London's grand embrace,
Where echoes of music forever chase,
There lies a stage, an arena vast
Where dreams converge and moments amass.

In the heart of the crowd, a star does rise,
In hearts, a champion, never disguised,
Louis Tomlinson, a voice that soars,
His journey unfolds as the O2 Arena roars.

The crowd, like a tempest, roars in cheer,
An ocean of passion, surging ever near,
Sold out, the tickets, a testament they hold
To the power of his voice, a story so bold.

The night a kaleidoscope of light
A rainbow of colours, a wondrous sight,
His fans, a sea of love shining bright,
As Louis and his Louies in song unite.

Proudly he stood, a warrior of sound,
His lyrics enchanting, his presence profound,
Embracing his destiny, he seized the night,
With every note, a glimpse of starlight.

A phoenix born to conquer and rise,
Louis Tomlinson, a star in infinite eyes,
In every note, his trails unfold,
A journey of love, a story untold.

So let us gather, beneath this vast dome,
Celebrate the power of music we've known,
For in the O2 Arena's vibrant embrace,
He weaves emotions, with flawless grace.

Pauline, Scotland

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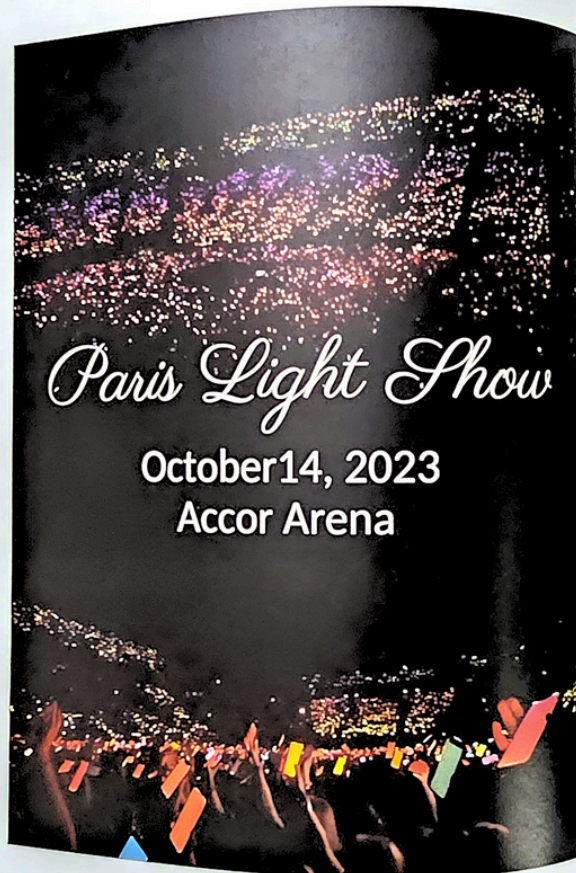
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O2 ARENA SOLD OUT



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Paris Light Show

October 14, 2023
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Saturdays in Paris

"During 'Saturdays,' which is always a special song for me, I can't really ever put a finger on specifically why but from the first time I sang it live it just kind of takes over me emotionally, more so than any other song on the set.

"So when the fans did their incredible light show, the fan project, it was amazing 'cause I was already feeling really emotional in the song and then seeing this incredible spectacle which is just absolutely undeniable and you feel great.

"The thing about those moments when people hold the phones up is sometimes when you look into a sea of people, it's hard to distinguish between every single person. When you've got that light up there, you just see the depth of the room and you see how many people are there and also how many people are engaged for the show, so that was a really, really special moment for me."

— Louis' comment on the fans' project for "Saturdays" in Paris October 2023



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ONE POEM 10 LANGUAGES

English, French,
Italian, Danish, Dutch,
Polish, German,
Chinese, Spanish,
Swedish



Ode to an Angel named Louis

There is an angel among us
With lost loves
With broken promises
Ignoring the wounds
Gaze towards the clouds
There is an angel among us
His burnt wings
Prevent him from flying
But never from loving
Never from hoping
Carried to the clouds
By the wild crowd
Chanting "Louis"
And holding back the night
So that dreams don't flee
When I go to rest
I will have on my skin
His name tattooed
Like a worn-out promise
Repeated endlessly: Louis

Kanistha Sun, France

致路易天使的颂歌

我们中间有一位天使
带着失落的爱
带着违背的语言
无视伤痛
凝视着苍穹浮云
我们中间有一位天使
他被烧脱的双翼
阻止他翱翔长空
但却从未能阻止他去爱
去期待
狂热的人群
高呼着他的名字
把他托举到云端
并且留住夜晚
让梦想长存
当我入睡的时候
我会把他的名字
铭刻在我的心底
就像一个永恒的承诺
无限地重复：路易

Kanistha Sun, France
Translated by Liu Hui 刘慧



Ode à un Ange nommé Louis

Il y a un ange parmi nous
Aux amours perdus
Aux promesses déçues
Il fait fi des blessures
Le regard vers l'azur
Il y a un ange parmi nous
Ses ailes brûlées
L'empêchent de voler
Mais jamais d'aimer
Jamais d'espérer
Porté aux nues
Par la foule insensée
Qui scande "Louis"
Et retient la nuit
Pour que les rêves ne fuient
Quand j'ai au repos
Son nom tatoué
Comme une promesse usée
Sans cesse répétée: Louis

Kanistha Sun, France

Ode till en ängel vid namn Louis

Ängel bland oss
de kärlekar
ta tillit
Fråe sliten
att hånas
Ängel bland oss
de vingar
som inte vill flyga
från oss
Ängel bland oss
de hoppas
och önskar
att bli älskade
Ängel bland oss
de vill inte
bli älskade
Ängel bland oss
de vill inte
bli älskade
Ängel bland oss
de vill inte
bli älskade

Ode an einen Engel mit dem Namen Louis

Es gibt einen Engel unter uns
Mit verlорerener Liebe
Mit gebrochenen Versprechen
Der die Wunden unbeschadet läßt
In die Wolken starren
Es gibt einen Engel unter uns
Seine verbrannten Flügel
Hindern ihn am Fliegen
Aber niemals am Lieben
Niemals am Hoffen
Getragen in die Wolken
Von der wilden Schar
Singen "Louis"
Und halten die Nacht zurück
Damit die Träume nicht fliehen
Wenn ich mich schlafen lege
Ich werde auf meiner Haut haben
Seinen Namen eintätowiert
Wie ein abgenutztes Versprechen
Endlos wiederholt: Louis

Kanistha Sun, France
Translation by Clare R



Ode a un Angelo chiamato Louis

C'è un angelo tra noi
Agl'amori perduti
Alle promesse deluse
Ignora le ferite
Il sguardo verso l'azzurro
C'è un angelo tra noi
Le sue ali bruciate
Impedigli di volare
Ma mai di amare
Mai di sperare
Portato fra le nuvole
Dalla folla impazzita
Chi canta "Louis"
E trattiene la notte
Perché i sogni non scappino
Quando vado al riposo
Avrò sulla mia pelle
Il suo nome tatuato
Come una promessa usurata
Incessantemente ripetuta: Louis

Kanistha Sun, France

Oda a un ángel

Hay un ángel entre nosotros
Con amores perdidos
Con promesas rotas
Ignorando las heridas
Con la vista en las nubes
Hay un ángel entre nosotros
Sus alas quemadas
Le impiden volar
Pero nunca amar
Nunca perder la esperanza
Llevado a los nubes
Por una multitud multitud
Cantando "Louis"
Retienen la noche
Para que los sueños no se escapen
Cuando voy a descansar
Llevaré en mi piel
Su nombre tatuado
Como una promesa al descubierto
Repetiendo infinitamente: "Louis"

Kanistha Sun, France
Translation by Gabby Araya, Costa Rica



Ode til en engel kaldet Louis

Der er en engel iblandt os
Med tabt kærlighed
Med brudte løfter
Som ignorerer sårene
Kigger mod skyerne
Der er en engel iblandt os
Hans brændte vinger
Forhindrer ham i at flyve
Men aldrig fra at elske
Aldrig fra at håbe
Båret til skyerne
Af den vilde skare
Der synger "Louis"
Og holder natten tilbage
Så drømmene ikke forsvinder
Når jeg går til ro
Vil hans navn være tatovert
På min hud
Som et udsiddigt løfte
Gentaget i det uendelige: Louis

Kanistha Sun, France
Translation by CD



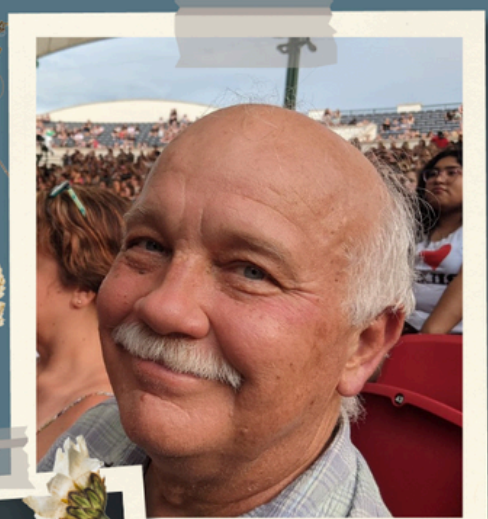
Met gebroken beloftes
De wonden negerend
Blik gericht op de wolken
Er is een engel onder ons
Zijn verbrande vleugels
Buletten hem te vliegen
Maar nooit om lief te hebben
Om hoop op te geven
Gedragen door de wolken
Door de wilde menigte
Toegezongen "Louis"
En de nacht tegenhoudend
Zodat dromen niet vluchten
Wanneer ik ga rusten
Zal ik op mijn huid
In naam hebben getatoeerd
Als een versleten belofte
Eindeloos herhaald: Louis

Kanistha Sun, France
Vertaald door Miranda
randa_15287 The Netherlands

My husband being a "good sport" about my obsession with Louis, and he also likes his music and enjoyed the concert, too!

AGELESS MUSIC

Kids welcome at a Louis show!
This young Louie gets a fist bump at the Atlanta show.



good sport !



St Augustine, Florida



Louis!



From my diary...
I met girls German and Spanish, one was celebrating her 18th birthday and later she met Louis in the airport then we all waited in the sun for Louis. This guy is an angel. He bought water bottles so that we wouldn't die. We were so close, and I was hugging people I didn't even know, and he came to the barricades, and I was like two inches away from him. It was magical. I have to say thanks to my mommy for this incredible day!



Kanistha Sun, France

Mother and Daughter Make a Memory at Lido di Camaiore, Away From Home Festival August 19th, 2023



Photo by Niki Bauschlicher

Louis' fans say he's an Inspiration / Therapy



#LouisTomlinsonTherapy

HAPPY PLACE

Louis

These are the memories I will cherish forever. I know it may sound like a cliché, but Louis' music is a true healer. Knowing him and his story gives me the strength to go on. Faith in The Future has become something of a mantra for me. I believe that all music and musicians come to us at the right time, and so it is true with Louis.

I didn't know about him before December 2021, and now he and his music are the most important to me of my life. Experiencing him live is something I will never forget, and the happiness I feel when Louis and the whole band are performing in front of my eyes can't be expressed sufficiently. Thank you for creating this happy place for us, for making music exactly how you want, and for being you. We love you no matter what.

Pavlina, Czechoslovakia

The Sun

The Sun
It's the way his eyes tell a story
His life, his journey, his pain, his joy
They look so wise
Like an old soul
His smile lightens up the entire room
The way he enters the scene,
like he's the main character.
Oh, he is. He knows.
Cause he owns the world,
he owns the people.
He owns us
He owns me
He's like the sun,
shines brightly from the outside,
the sunbeams
make my skin glow
spreading his inner warmth into my broken soul
He's the light in my darkness
That flicker of hope
He brings laughter

Days became clearer
Without the sun
There would be no life
He keeps me together
I breathe because I am alive
and he makes life easier
He's the one who is there
for me when others aren't
He tells me I'm okay,
he tells me I'm perfect now
He's like the sun
'Cause without him
Life would not be the same
He's my savior when I'm a lost cause
The knight in a rainbow armor
giving me safety
because I feel loved
he understands me
He's like a warm blanket that is
wrapped around my body
who captured my heart
He's like the sun
He's Louis Tomlinson

Poem by Sarah_angelshyforiou on X
sarah_srzvs... on IG

Photo by Slothbeignet

my diary

My journey commenced with a mere click. "What Makes You Beautiful" resonated from my screen, and as the Video Diaries unfolded, a connection so personal took hold of me, as though the universe had crafted this moment just for me. Among the endearing members of One Direction, Louis Tomlinson shone brightly, his dynamic personality sparking a flame within me previously unknown.

My admiration for him deepened the day I first listened to "Walls." Despite not having delved into all five One Direction albums yet, in that instant, I understood—I was destined to be a Louie.

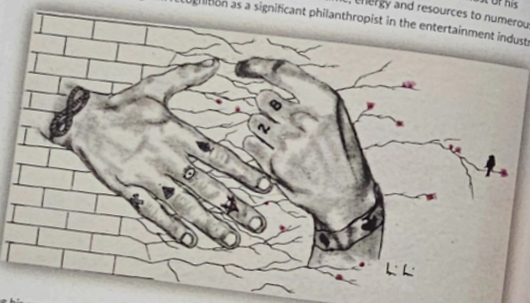
Trembling, I secured his concert ticket for an album I had yet to listen to. I awaited Faith in The Future with bated breath. Upon its arrival, it seemed like a fantasy turned reality. Observing Louis globally rallying together, determined to elevate him to the top spot on the UK charts, was a powerful testament to our united passion and affection for Louis. Fantasies of screaming the last line of "Silver Tongues" with him at his concert, or wishing to echo "You were my because" during "Walls," filled my daydreams. Finally, at the concert, being able to hear his angelic voice and witness my favorite songs come to life was absolutely magical.

To have been in the same room as Louis Tomlinson, to feel the energy of his music and the warmth of our shared love for his art, was an honor I'll always cherish. For every question asked, for every doubt raised, Louis was my "because." He was the reason behind my smile, the melody in my heart, and the artist who transformed an ordinary evening into the beginning of a love story.

Sarah_angelshyforiou on X
sarah_srzvs... on IG

Bigger Than Me

Louis Tomlinson, formerly a member of the globally acclaimed band One Direction, is not just known for his musical and songwriting talents but also for his generous heart. Although he keeps most of his philanthropy private, Louis has always devoted considerable time, energy and resources to numerous charitable causes, earning him recognition as a significant philanthropist in the entertainment industry.



Art by Bibi

Among his many charitable endeavors, Louis has shown a particular affinity for supporting organizations and initiatives that aid children affected by illness. One example is his consistent support for the Eden Dora Trust, which helps children suffering from encephalitis and acquired brain injury. Another is his dedication to the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, a charity near his childhood home, which provides care and support to children and young adults with life-shortening conditions.

He's also arranged for children from Make-A-Wish Foundation to attend his concerts and participated in charity football matches, using his passion for the sport to raise funds for various causes. He has publicly voiced support for LGBTQIA+ rights and inclusivity through social media and interviews and has a broad LGBTQIA+ fan base that he acknowledges and appreciates. His concerts are to be spaces where fans from all walks of life, including those from the LGBTQIA+ community, are encouraged to be themselves and celebrate their identities.

Louis' philanthropic efforts have always impacted his fans, inspiring altruism and community spirit. Fans have organized fundraising campaigns and spread awareness about the causes close to his heart including childhood illness, LGBTQIA+ support, and mental health.

Skylar Burton

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ME

SLOTHBEIGNET ON X

To the man who saved my life. Louis Tomlinson you will never know the impact you have made in my life and the lives of countless others.

I am still here because you are here. Thank you for being the light that made life worth living.

♥ Amy @MadWentAlice

