



Paul McCartney's handwritten working lyrics for "Hey Jude"

Date

1968

Primary Maker

Paul McCartney

Medium

Paper

Description

Paul McCartney's handwritten working lyrics to "Hey Jude," 1968. These lyrics were used by The Beatles in-studio while recording the song. Written in black felt pen on a single sheet of white paper. The lines in the lyrics are numbered from 1 through 4, with notations in between such as "BREAK" and at the end "Ending. Fading." Framed in a white mat and black glossy frame with description plaque at bottom.

McCartney used these lyrics during the recording at Trident Studios, London, in July 1968 and later gifted them to a studio engineer. McCartney famously wrote the song for John Lennon's son, Julian, as a source of comfort during the divorce of his parents John and Cynthia Lennon. The song was originally called "Hey Jules." The non-album single was The Beatles' first release on their Apple record label and a highly successful debut. It went on to be nominated for three Grammy Awards in 1969: Record of the Year, Song of the Year, and Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. Sir Paul McCartney (b. 1942) is an English musician, singer, and songwriter who rose to international superstardom as a member of The Beatles. McCartney and John Lennon served as the band's primary songwriters, with their musical collaboration being hailed as one of the most successful of all time. McCartney began playing guitar with Lennon in a skiffle band named the Quarrymen in 1957. The band added George Harrison, with Stuart Sutcliffe joining on bass. By 1960, the band had changed their name to The Beatles. Sutcliffe left the band to attend art school in 1961, and McCartney took over bass duties. McCartney penned several of The Beatles' early hits, including "Yesterday," and helped usher in the band's new sound as they entered in their studio period - serving as the main catalyst to begin writing *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band*. McCartney and The Beatles' decade of output changed the course of music. He was credited with writing 20 number one singles during his Beatles run. After the dissolution of The Beatles in 1970, McCartney continued to record and perform. He released two solo albums, *McCartney* (1970) and

Ram (1971), before forming the band Wings with his wife, Linda McCartney. Wings released eight albums before breaking up in 1981. McCartney returned to his solo career, and has released 19 total solo albums.

Dimensions

Framed: 31 x 21 3/4 x 2 in. (78.7 x 55.2 x 5.1 cm)