

# Robert Plant, Respected Solo Artist and Former Vocalist/Frontman of Led Zeppelin Fame



**Robert Plant**, born in Staffordshire, England, has made an indelible mark on the music industry. He first gained acclaim as the frontman of Led Zeppelin—the powerhouse rock band that took its first breath in the late sixties and disbanded in 1980. Robert lives a complete reimagination of his earlier musical setting, yet, for many, his name still recalls a heavy rocker. Despite undergoing vocal cord surgery in the 70s and having an extensive career history, his status in the music industry remains vibrant.

Concerning how he sees himself and time, paraphrased, he once said, "When you're 20, you're making points with volume and energy, and it's terrific. But when you're enjoying restraint, it's like, there's nothing you won't do to make it work." As an aside, Plant's lyric-writing skills are often overlooked in favor of his voice, yet are equally impressive. His abilities are evidenced by iconic pieces like Led Zeppelin's "Going to California" and "Whole Lotta Love." As a solo artist, his finer works include "99 Palms" and "Carry Fire."

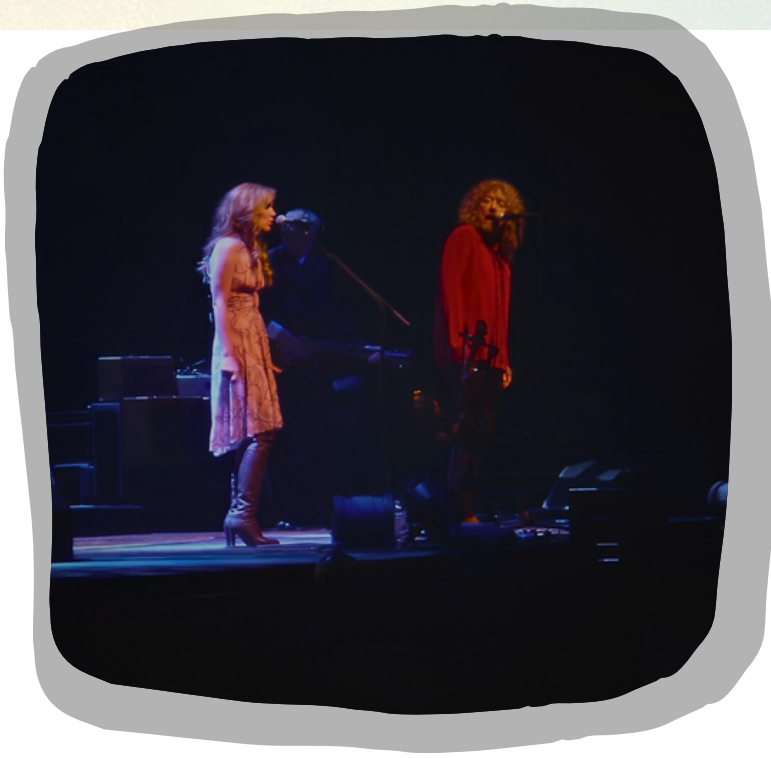
Musicians continue to find inspiration in the artist's distinctive style. Singers such as Ann Wilson, Josh Kiszka, Tori Amos, Freddie Mercury, and Kurt Cobain have drawn from his figurative trove.

## **This Musical Legend in 2023:**

Plant remains musically active. In recent years, he has toured with his backing band, The Sensational Space Shifters, or in collaboration with Alison Krauss. This year again sees him and Krauss on tour. However, at the point of writing, there are no 2023 events planned for The Sensational Space Shifters. For the record, Robert has co-headlined with Jimmy Page in the past, but their final performance was in Paris in December 1998.

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# Robert Plant, a Solo & Collaborative Musician



## Continuing: Robert on Tour

When he and Krauss tour together, they join forces with talented musicians such as Dennis Crouch, JD McPherson, Stuart Duncan, Jay Bellerose, and Viktor Krauss to create their ambient sound. Their performance quality has consistently received praise from attendees, and it's been common for tickets to sell out quickly.

**With Led Zeppelin:** On another note, fans know that Plant, historically speaking, has avoided reunion tours and events. Yet, he and Led Zeppelin played in Belgium this February (2023) and will perform in Quebec, Canada, this coming September. It will be the thrill of a lifetime for concertgoers. By the way, when Led Zeppelin tours, drummer Jason Bonham takes his father's place.

## Robert Plant Trivia:

- Terry Reid, Donovan Leitch, Steve Winwood, and other notable vocalists were considered for Jimmy Page's band before Plant was taken on.
- At the urging of Reid, Jimmy recruited John Bonham and Robert Plant. Reid, an established vocalist, couldn't join as he had prior commitments.
- Robert has been called "The Golden God." Ironically, *he* coined the term. When asked about it, he explained that it was meant to be funny, like many things said during that era.
- Industry insiders have purported that the 2007 Led Zeppelin concert in London was a benchmark performance for the rock community.