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Thank you. Thank you very much. How're we doing? Are you enjoying your trip down memory lane?

Each time we play for you, we like to feature the music of a great performer from the past. Let's see if you can figure out who this artist is.

She was born with the name Eleanora Fagan way back in 1915 and died in 1959. During her 30-year career, she won four Grammy Awards and was inducted into the National Rhythm & Blues Hall Of Fame in 2017. Any guesses yet? She recorded with the bands of Teddy Wilson, Count Basie, and Artie Shaw. Her autobiography "Lady Sings The Blues" led to an album of the same title. Any ideas yet?

OK. Here's our final clue: Her nickname was Lady Day, and she changed her name to a first name of "Billie." What was the last name that she changed to? You got it - Holiday. Our featured artist this evening is Billie Holiday.

We'll perform three songs this evening in our tribute to Bille. Our first selection is one written in 1934 by Duke Ellington and recorded by Billie in 1941.

Here's _____ as our Billie to sing that jazz classic "In My Solitude."