

# **DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY**

## **BOB DYLAN 1971**

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**A SUMMARY OF RECORDING & CONCERT ACTIVITIES,  
RELEASES, TAPES & BOOKS.**



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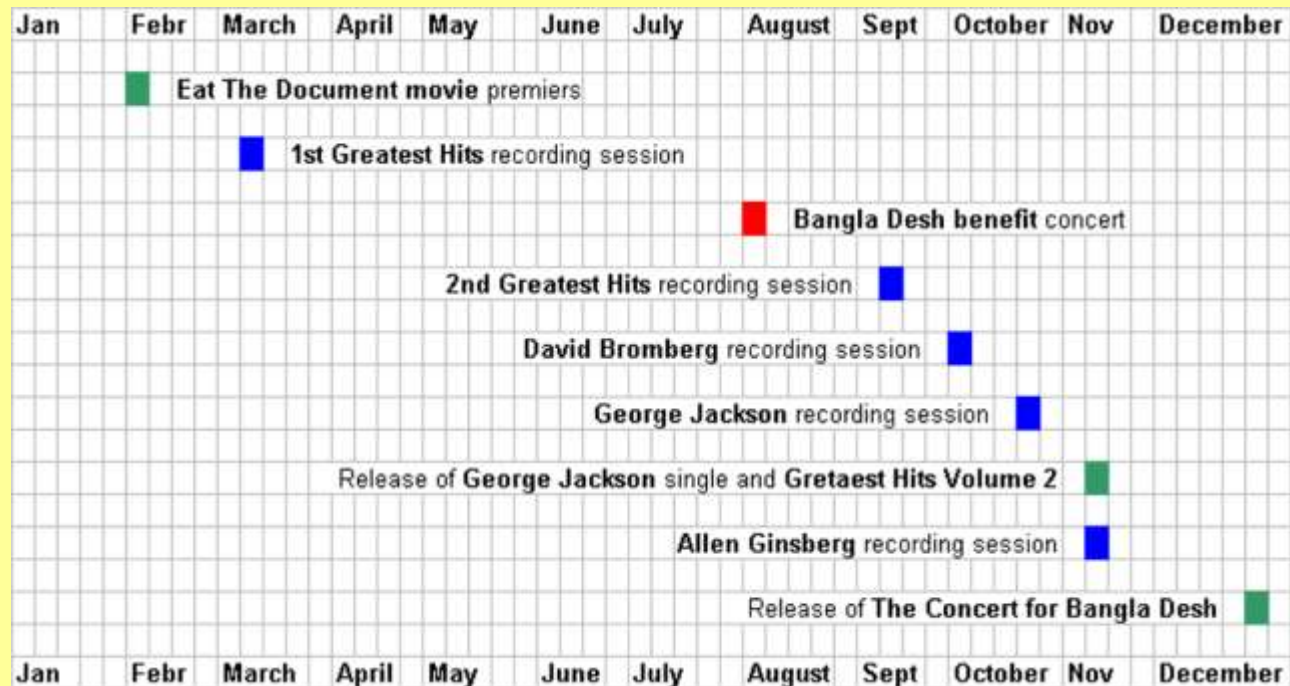
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This year saw Dylan record in a number of sessions, but very little came out of it. Four songs ended up on the second greatest hits package and one on a single release. In August Dylan returns briefly to the stage for the surprise appearance at the benefit concert for Bangla Desh in Madison Square Garden. The performances are recorded by Phil Spector and later released on LP.

## 2 THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



## 3 CALENDAR

- 6, 9 January Telephone conversations between Dylan and A.J. Weberman about an intended article by Weberman.
- 8 February **Eat The Document** is released and shown at the New York Academy of Music. This "documentary" was filmed and directed by D.A. Pennebaker (director of **Don't Look Back**) during the European part of the 1966 world tour. Dylan and Howard Alk later edited it.
- 4 March Rolling Stone publishes an edited transcript of the Dylan-Weberman conversations.
- 16, 17, 18 March Recording sessions at The Blue Rock Studios in New York with among others Leon Russell and Don Preston.

- 18, 22, 24 March Dylan sits for an unpublished interview with Tony Glover conducted in four parts (two on 24 March) in his Manhattan office. The interview was originally intended for an article that Glover was to write for Esquire.
- Mid May Rumoured recording session with Elvis Presley at the RCA Studios in Nashville. A seventeen-track listing exists, but it is most improbable that this session ever took place.
- 24 May Dylan spends his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in Israel with Sara. They are photographed at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.
- Late May Dylan and Sara visit the Givat Haim kibbutz to investigate the possibility to move there.
- 1 August The Concerts For Bangla Desh at the Madison Square Garden in New York City.
- 24 September The Happy Traum sessions in New York City.
- 5 October Recording session with David Bromberg.
- 30 October Recording session with Allen Ginsberg & Friends.
- 4 November George Jackson recording session in New York.
- 12 November Release of the *George Jackson* single.
- 17 November Release of **Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits Volume 2**
- 17 November Recording sessions at The Record Plant in New York City with Allen Ginsberg & Friends.
- 20 December Release of **The Concert For Bangla Desh**.

#### 4 RECORDINGS

- 6 January New York City 1<sup>st</sup> A. J. Weberman Telephone Conversation
- 9 January New York City 2<sup>nd</sup> A. J. Weberman Telephone Conversation
- 16-19 March New York City 1<sup>st</sup> Greatest Hits recording session
- 1 August New York City Bangla Desh Concerts
- 24 September New York City 2<sup>nd</sup> Greatest Hits recording session
- 5 October New York City David Bromberg recording session
- 30 October New York City Allen Ginsberg TV program
- 4 November New York City George Jackson recording session
- 17, 20 November New York City Allen Ginsberg recording sessions

For details please refer to the corresponding Still On The Road session pages.

## 5 SONGS 1971

March      *Watching The River Flow*  
               *When I Paint My Masterpiece*

November *George Jackson*  
               *Wallflower*<sup>1</sup>  
               *Jimmy Berman Rag*<sup>2</sup>  
               *September On Jessore Road*  
               *Vomit Express*

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