



Duke Ellington's relation ship with Billy Strayhorn

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Taking Advantage

- Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn were good friends
- Billy Strayhorn was a very Gifted composer who Ellington occasionally took advantage of.
- Ellington all lot of the time let Strayhorn write his own music and gave him a little credit, but most of the time took it all.
- Strayhorn composed the band's best-known theme, "Take the Train" and a lot of other pieces that became part of the band's collection.



Song they wrote together/ just Strayhorn

- Strayhorn made any of his recordings and gave harmonic clarity, polish, and taste to Duke's compositions.
- Large works like “Such Sweet Thunder”, “A Drum Is a Woman”, “The Perfume Suite” and “The far east Suite”, but beside that Ellington gave all the credit to Billy.
- Strayhorn also sometimes sat on the piano with Ellington in Live shows. Strayhorn and Ellington’s best piece together is Such Sweet thunder.

Billy Strayhorn

- His real name that he was born with William Thomas Strayhorn.
- He was born on November 29, 1915.
- He died on May 31, 1967 (aged 51).
- He was born in Dayton, Ohio.
- He played the piano.





Duke Ellington

- His real name was Edward Kennedy Ellington.
- He was born April 29, 1899, Washington, D.C.
- He died May 24, 1974 in New York, NY.
- He played the piano.

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