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Once upon a time, in Houston, Texas, lived a girl with a voice as beautiful as a mermaid's melody and as fierce as a lion's roar. Her name was Beyoncé. When she wasn't singing, she liked to be quiet, dreaming about all that she could be.





One day, Beyoncé went to her first concert with her mom. As the show kicked off, the energy of the music, lyrics, dance moves, and lights all came together, filling her with excitement. That's when she realized there was a performer inside her!











Her mom's hair salon became Beyoncé's first stage, and the ladies getting stylish haircuts, her audience. And, even though they were not always interested in listening to her songs, sometimes she got a little tip.







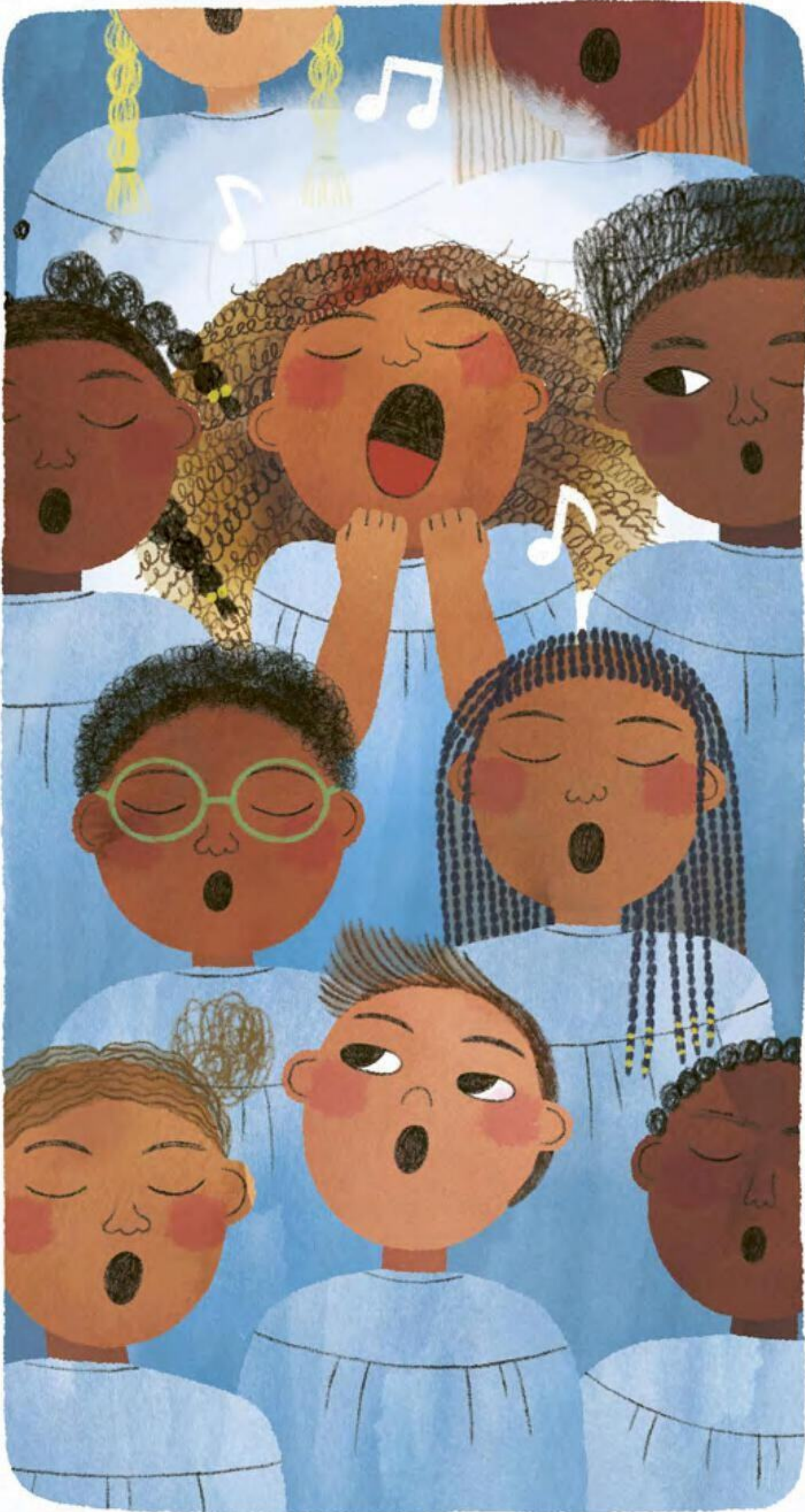
# TALENT SHOW



Beyoncé was only seven when she won a school talent show, beating children twice her age. She performed "Imagine," a beautiful song about peace and love.



Soon after, she hit the highest notes  
in the choirs at church and school.









Two years later, she earned her place as the lead singer of a new hip-hop band called Girls Tyme. Beyoncé was happy to share the stage with LaTavia, Nina, Nikki, Kelly, and Ashley. They were just kids but sang and danced like true pros.







For years they worked hard, practicing in Beyoncé's backyard and performing at local venues and talent shows. Some members left the group and the band's name changed many times.



Yet it was as Destiny's Child that they reached  
the top of the charts.

# DESTINY'S CHILD





Destiny's Child didn't just achieve stardom; it became one of the bestselling female groups of all time! Their songs mixed catchy rhymes and hip-hop rhythms, encouraging people to look inside and embrace their most fearless selves.















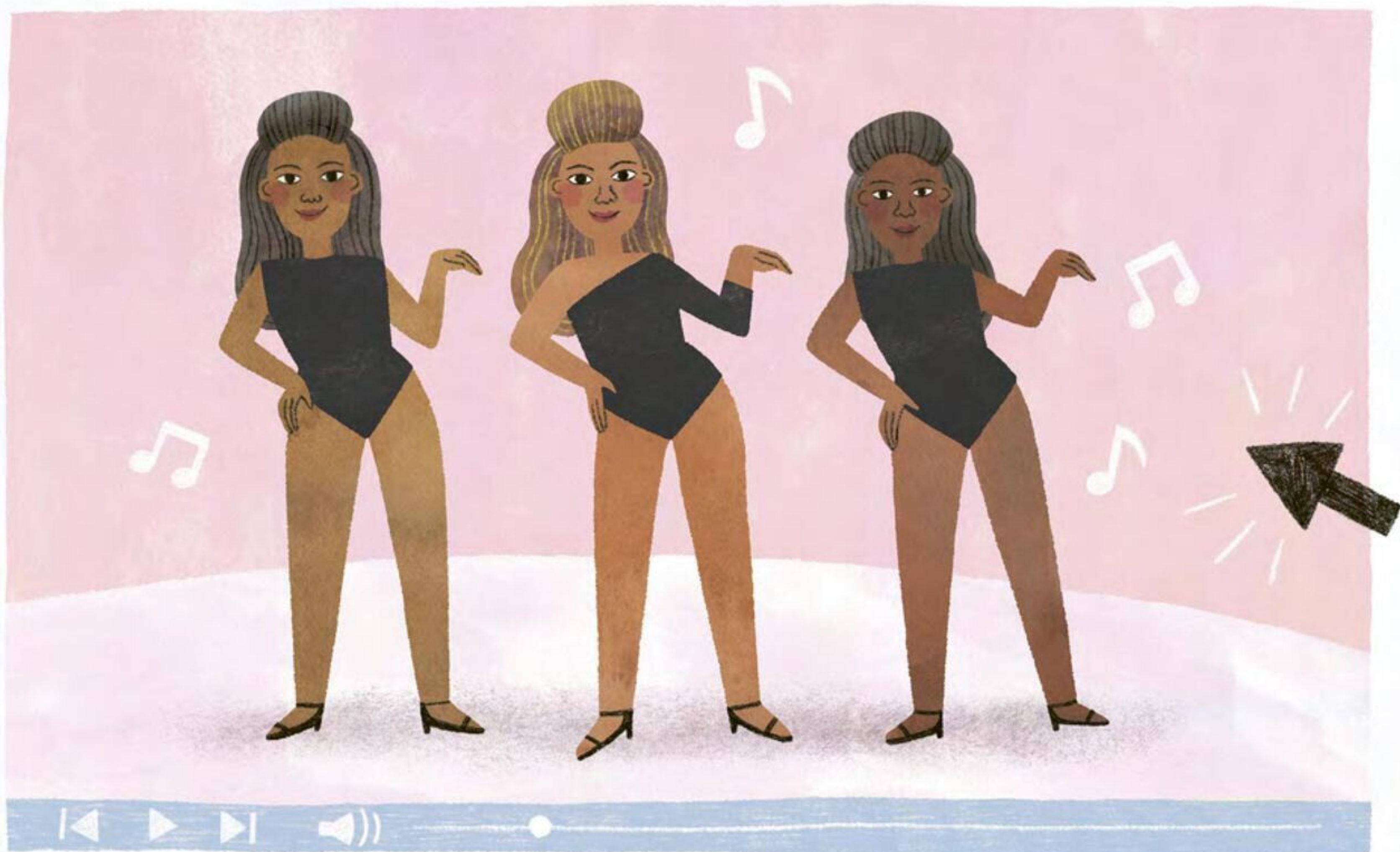
The time came for Beyoncé to grow as an artist on her own. When she released her first solo album, fans fell crazy in love with it! Every new hit was full of feminine energy and girl power, earning her the nickname "Queen Bey."



After marrying a talented rapper named Jay-Z,  
Beyoncé decided to release "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)."



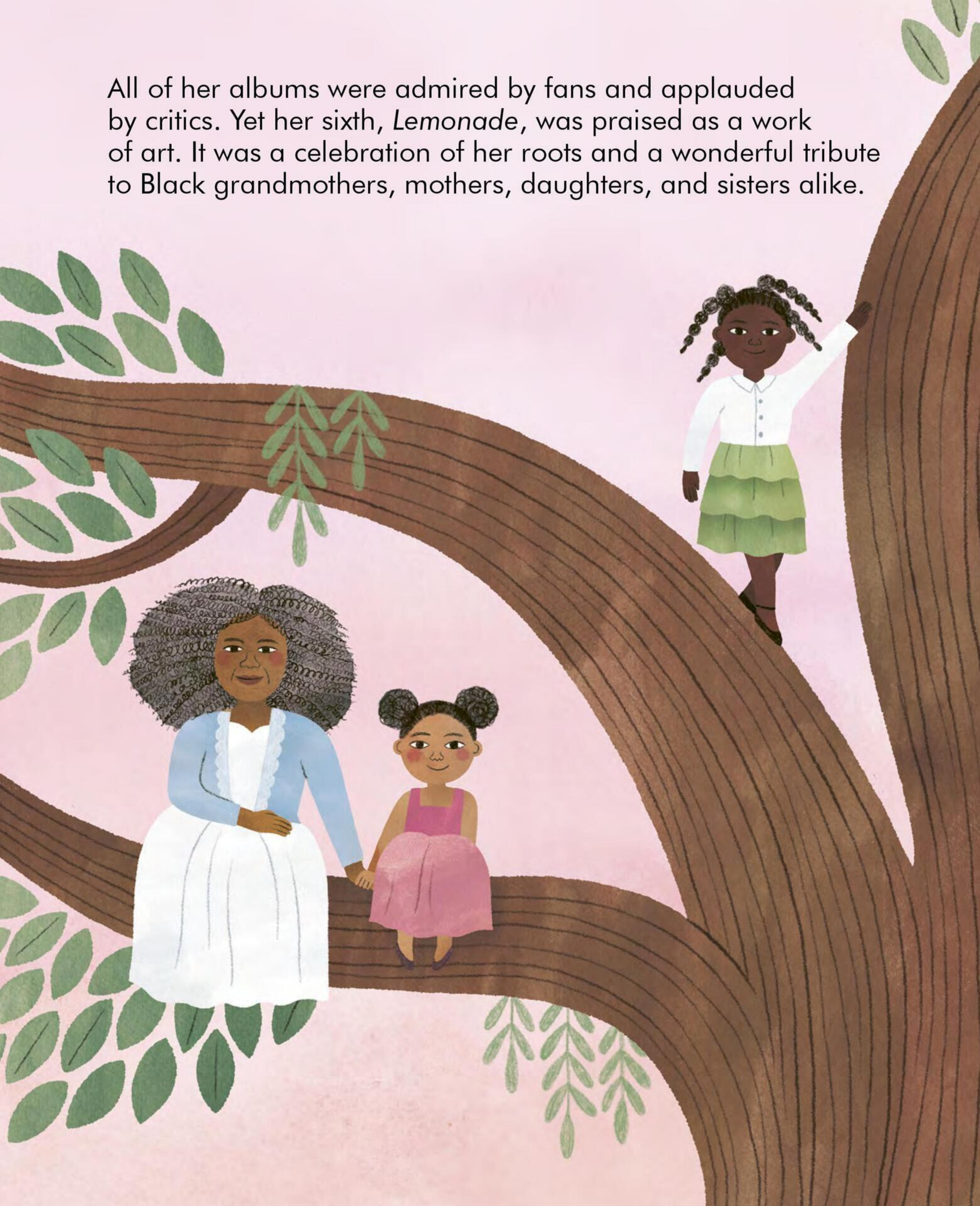




It wasn't only one of the year's top dance tracks, but also a global sensation. Everyone who loved to groove danced along to its moves!



All of her albums were admired by fans and applauded by critics. Yet her sixth, *Lemonade*, was praised as a work of art. It was a celebration of her roots and a wonderful tribute to Black grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and sisters alike.











Her rap-singing style changed the sound of R&B and hip-hop forever!





Throughout the years, Beyoncé influenced a whole generation of new artists, becoming the godmother of rappers and one of the most awarded female artists in music history.





She did it all ... rocked a Super Bowl halftime show, sang at the inauguration of the first Black president of the United States, was the first woman of color to headline the Coachella music festival, and fulfilled her wish of becoming a mom.













Even though her journey is not over yet, little Beyoncé would be proud of all that “Queen Bey” has accomplished and all the lives she has touched. She has proven that with passion and perseverance, dreams can be as powerful as a lion’s roar.



# BEYONCÉ

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(Born 1981)



1990



2001

Beyoncé Knowles grew up in Houston, Texas, with her parents and sister, Solange. As a child, she loved singing and dancing and won thirty-five local talent shows in a row. At age nine, she joined the girl group Girls Tyme, which eventually became the trio, Destiny's Child. With hits such as "Survivor" and "Say My Name," the group achieved international fame, won two Grammys, and had four US No. 1s. In 2002, she was named Songwriter of the Year by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers—making her the first Black woman to win the award. Beyoncé launched her solo career in 2003 with the chart-topping album *Dangerously in Love*, which included the award-winning track, "Crazy in Love." The tune featured her future husband, Jay-Z, and became an R&B





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classic. Her third album introduced fans to her alter ego—a type of stage character—called Sasha Fierce. Beyoncé sometimes felt nervous as a soloist, and performing as Sasha helped her to find her confidence. Alongside making music, she has starred in movies such as *Dreamgirls* and *The Lion King* and runs the popular fashion line Ivy Park. Beyoncé is a committed civil-rights activist and speaks out against racism and sexism. In her 2016 album, *Lemonade*, she sang passionately about the experiences of Black women in the US. And through her charity, BeyGOOD, she helps support Black-owned businesses. In 2022, she released her seventh solo album, *Renaissance*, and a sell-out tour followed. Beyoncé's desire to bring joy, change, and healing to the world reminds us that she is truly irreplaceable.



Want to find out more about **Beyoncé**?

Have a read of these great books:

*Beyoncé: Shine Your Light* by Sarah Warren and Geneva Bowers

*Beyoncé: A Little Golden Book Biography* by Lavaille Lavette  
and Anastasia Williams

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Discover the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream.

From a young age, Beyoncé had a beautiful voice. When she saw her favorite singers hit the stage, she knew that she wanted to be a performer, too. She became part of the chart-topping group Destiny's Child, and as a solo artist inspired fans with her empowering music. With her mission to bring joy to the world, Beyoncé is irreplaceable. This incredible story of the legendary superstar features a fact and photo section at the back.

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