

# HEROES , by David BOWIE

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And you, you will be queen  
Though nothing, will drive them away  
We can beat them, just for one day  
We can be heroes, just for one day

And you, you can be mean  
And I, I'll drink all the time  
'Cause we're lovers, and that is a fact  
Yes we're lovers, and that is that

Though nothing, will keep us together  
We could steal time, just for one day  
We can be heroes, forever and ever  
What'd you say?

I, I wish you could swim  
Like the dolphins, like dolphins can swim  
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I, I can remember (I remember)  
Standing, by the wall (by the wall)  
And the guns, shot above our heads (over our heads)  
And we kissed, as though nothing could fall (nothing could fall)  
And the shame, was on the other side  
Oh we can beat them, forever and ever  
Then we could be heroes, just for one day

**We can be heroes x3  
Just for one day  
We can be heroes**

We're nothing, and nothing will help us  
Maybe we're lying, then you better not stay  
But we could be safer, just for one day  
Oh-oh-oh-ohh, oh-oh-oh-ohh, just for one day

## Tribute to David BOWIE

(8 January 1947 - 10 January 2016)

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In 1976, Bowie moved to Berlin, releasing a series of albums that are known as his "Berlin trilogy": *Low*, *Heroes* and *Lodger*. The title track of 'Heroes', one of Bowie's most recognizable singles, tells the story of two lovers separated by the Berlin Wall. His albums drew influence from the Cold War - in particular the influence the tensions were having on his divided adopted city.





# The Wall

The Berlin Wall evolved from a temporary border of barbed wire fencing to a heavily fortified, concrete barrier with numerous guards, tank traps and other obstacles.

The wall between East and West Berlin was 11-13 feet (3.3 - 4 m) high and stretched 28 miles. It also encircled the city of West Berlin and stretched approximately 100 miles.

Buildings behind the barriers were demolished, and the wide open area became known as "no man's land" or the "death strip," where guards in more than 300 sentry towers could shoot anyone trying to escape.

Wires and mines were buried underneath the surface to prevent escape attempts; pipes on top of the wall prevented it from being scaled.

Over 100,000 people attempt to escape over the wall. Between 5,000 and 10,000 succeeded. Approximately 200 people were killed while trying to escape; many of them were shot by guards or had a fatal accident. The most famous border crossing was known as Checkpoint Charlie.



Sections of the wall may be viewed at NATO Headquarters in Belgium & Manhattan.

**Construction**  
**started:**  
 August 13, 1961  
**Opened:** 1961

**Destruction date:**  
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1989



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