

Elton John – Rocket Man (sheet music)

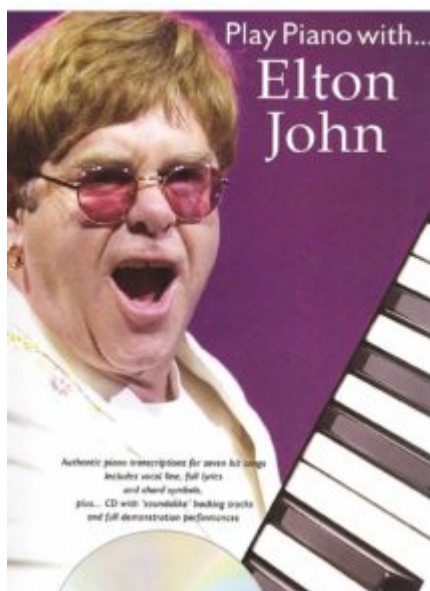
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Rocketman is a 2019 [biographical musical film](#) based on the life of British musician [Elton John](#). Directed by [Dexter Fletcher](#) and written by [Lee Hall](#), it stars [Taron Egerton](#) as Elton John, with [Jamie Bell](#) as [Bernie Taupin](#), [Richard Madden](#) as [John Reid](#), and [Bryce Dallas Howard](#) as Sheila Eileen.

The film follows John in his early days in [England](#) as a prodigy at the [Royal Academy of Music](#) through his musical partnership with Taupin. The film is titled after John's 1972 song "[Rocket](#)

Man". The sheet music is available in our Library.

The film had been in development since the 2000s before it was announced in 2013 that [Focus Features](#) acquired the rights to the film and director [Michael Gracey](#) and actor [Tom Hardy](#) were set to direct and star in the project respectively. After Hardy and Gracey left the project following creative differences between Focus and John that halted an initial production start in fall 2014, the project languished for several years until [Paramount Pictures](#) and New Republic Pictures took over as distributor in April 2018, where Egerton and Fletcher signed on.



[Principal photography](#) began in August 2018 and was completed later that year. John served as executive producer, while his husband [David Furnish](#) produced the film through their [Rocket Pictures](#), alongside [Matthew Vaughn](#)'s [Marv Films](#).

Rocketman premiered at the [Cannes Film Festival](#) on 16 May 2019, and was theatrically released in the United Kingdom on 22 May 2019 and in the United States on 31 May 2019. It grossed \$195 million worldwide against its \$40 million budget and received largely positive reviews from critics, with general praise for Egerton's performance, the costume design

and musical numbers.

The film was the first by a major studio to include a gay male sex scene. For his performance, Egerton received numerous nominations, including the [BAFTA Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role](#) and [Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role](#), and won the [Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy](#). John and Taupin also won [Best Original Song](#) at the [77th Golden Globe Awards](#), [Best Song](#) at the [25th Critics' Choice Awards](#), and [Best Original Song](#) at the [92nd Academy Awards](#) for “(I’m Gonna) Love Me Again“, and earned four nominations at the [73rd British Academy Film Awards](#), including [Outstanding British Film](#).



“Rocket Man” (officially titled “**Rocket Man (I Think It’s Going to Be a Long, Long Time)**“) is a song composed by [Elton John](#) and [Bernie Taupin](#) and originally performed by Elton John. The song first appeared on Elton John’s 1972 album [Honky Château](#) and became a hit single, rising to No. 2 in the [UK Singles Chart](#) and No. 6 in the US [Billboard Hot 100](#).

On 30 August 2019, the song was certified Platinum by the [British Phonographic Industry](#) for sales of 600,000 digital downloads and streaming equivalent sales. With sales of 3 million in the US the song was certified 3 times platinum by

the [Recording Industry Association of America](#). *Rolling Stone* lists it at No. 245 of its [500 greatest songs of all time](#).

Sir Elton Hercules John [CH](#) [CBE](#) (born **Reginald Kenneth Dwight**; 25 March 1947) is an English singer, songwriter, pianist, and composer. Collaborating with lyricist [Bernie Taupin](#) since 1967 on more than 30 albums, John has sold more than 300 million records, making him one of the [best-selling music artists](#).

He has more than fifty Top 40 hits in the [UK Singles Chart](#) and US [Billboard Hot 100](#), including seven number ones in the UK and nine in the US, as well as seven consecutive number-one albums in the US. His tribute single "[Candle in the Wind 1997](#)", rewritten in dedication to [Diana, Princess of Wales](#), sold over 33 million copies worldwide and is the best-selling single in the history of the UK and US singles charts. He has also produced records and occasionally acted in films. John owned [Watford F.C.](#) from 1976 to 1987 and from 1997 to 2002. He is an honorary life president of the club.

Raised in the [Pinner](#) area of Greater London, John learned to play piano at an early age, and by 1962 had formed [Bluesology](#), an R&B band with whom he played until 1967. He met his longtime musical partner Taupin in 1967, after they both answered an advert for songwriters. For two years, they wrote songs for artists including [Lulu](#), and John worked as a session musician for artists including [the Hollies](#) and [the Scaffold](#).

In 1969, John's debut album, [Empty Sky](#), was released. In 1970, his first hit single, "[Your Song](#)", from his second album, [Elton John](#), reached the top ten in the UK and the US. John has also had success in musical films and theatre, composing for [The Lion King](#) and its [stage adaptation](#), [Aida](#) and [Billy Elliot the Musical](#).

John has received five [Grammy Awards](#), five [Brit Awards](#), two [Academy Awards](#), two [Golden Globe Awards](#), a [Tony Award](#), a [Disney Legends](#) award, and the [Kennedy Center Honor](#). In 2004,

[Rolling Stone](#) ranked him 49th on its list of 100 influential musicians of the rock and roll era. In 2013, [Billboard](#) ranked him the most successful male solo artist on the [Billboard Hot 100 Top All-Time Artists](#), and third overall, behind [the Beatles](#) and [Madonna](#).

He was inducted into the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) in 1994 and the [Songwriters Hall of Fame](#) in 1992, and is a fellow of the [British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors](#). He was [knighted](#) by [Elizabeth II](#) for “services to music and charitable services” in 1998. John has performed at a number of royal events, such as the [funeral of Princess Diana](#) at [Westminster Abbey](#) in 1997, the [Party at the Palace](#) in 2002 and the Queen’s [Diamond Jubilee Concert](#) outside [Buckingham Palace](#) in 2012.

John has been involved in the fight against [AIDS](#) since the late 1980s. In 1992, he established the [Elton John AIDS Foundation](#), and a year later he began hosting [his annual Academy Awards Party](#), which has since become one of the biggest high-profile Oscar parties in the Hollywood film industry. Since its inception, the foundation has raised over £300 million. John, who announced he was [bisexual](#) in 1976 and has been [openly gay](#) since 1988, entered into a [civil partnership](#) with [David Furnish](#) on 21 December 2005; they married after [same-sex marriage became legal](#) in England and Wales in 2014.

Presenting John with France’s highest civilian award, the [Legion d’honneur](#), in 2019, French President [Emmanuel Macron](#) called him a “melodic genius” and praised his work on behalf of the [LGBT community](#). In 2018, John embarked on a three-year [farewell tour](#).