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01. *Rock And Roll* (03:31)\* 02. *Celebration Day* (03:09)\* 03. *Black Dog* (05:45)\* 04. *Over The Hills And Far Away* (05:25)\* 05. *No Quarter* (10:01)\* 06. *Misty Mountain Hop/Since I've Been Loving You* (12:22)\* 07. *The Song Remains The Same/Rain Song* (13:08)\* 08. *Kashmir* (10:31)\*\* 09. *Trampled Underfoot* (08:39)\*\* Venue & Date: \*05/13/73 The Auditorium, Mobile, Alabama \*\*03/4-5/75 Dallas, Texas Line Up: Jimmy Page (guitars) Robert Plant (vocals) John Paul Jones (keyboards, bass) John Bonham (drums)

After the blues super-group The Yardbirds imploded, Jimmy Page, picked up the fragments and began work on a new band. Page approached singer Terry Reid, who declined but recommended Robert Plant. After watching Plant's Moby Grape inspired show, the two talked and decided to form a band. Soon, ex-Plant band-mate John Bonham and session bassist John Paul Jones joined them. Their first tour was in Scandinavia, billed as "The New Yardbirds", but after a discussion with Keith Moon, the group was re-dubbed Led Zeppelin, a reference to the band's possible fate.

Their self-titled debut was dismissed by critics, but fans enjoyed its loud, raw energy, gaining it a number-ten place on the U.S. charts. On tour with Vanilla Fudge, Led Zeppelin earned a reputation as the wild men of touring, with off-stage antics involving drugs, booze, and groupies, all recounted in Stephen Davis's 1985 book, *The Hammer of the Gods*. Their follow-up, *Led Zeppelin II*, sold twelve million copies, earning it a number-one spot with the help of "Whole Lotta Love", which reached number four on the U.S. singles chart. After a considerable wait, *Led Zeppelin III* was released. Containing an entirely acoustic side, it is still regarded as their most adventurous album.

One might consider it difficult to top those three albums, but their next album went on to become one of the best selling ever made. Their fourth release (with no title other than four mysterious

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runes) has sold over twenty million copies with the help of "Stairway to Heaven", classic rock radio's most played song. After a fifth LP, Houses of the Holy, the group then retreated to Headley Grange, a run-down mansion in Hampshire, to record the epic double album Physical Graffiti with a mobile studio. The band went on an exhausting tour to support it.

In 1975, Robert Plant was involved in a car crash, putting the singer on crutches for several months. In this condition, Plant recorded Presence, the band's seventh album, released in 1976. That year also saw the release of the documentary The Song Remains the Same, a record of the famous 1973 Madison Square Garden performances. Plant fell into depression after his eldest son, Karac, died of a viral infection in 1977. It took him two years to recover. In Through the Out Door was a partial homage to the lost child. Page and Bonham took a reduced role in the sessions allegedly due to drug problems. These tribulations cost Zeppelin a bandmate on 25th September 1980 when John Bonham choked on vomit while asleep after a day of excessive drinking. Two reunion concerts have been staged, but it seems that Led Zeppelin's doors are now closed forever. Releases after Bonham's death include Coda (a compilation of out-takes), How the West Was Won (a live album), and BBC Sessions. ---  
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