

Ella Gracen

LEGENDS

Inspired
by the legends.
Written with
a heart of
gratitude.

A SONG, A TRIBUTE, A FULL-CIRCLE MOMENT.

Every young songwriter has someone who shapes the way they see music. For 16-year-old West Tennessee singer-songwriter Ella Gracen, that person has always been Dolly Parton.

"Legends" was written as a heartfelt tribute to the artists and storytellers who paved the way for today's generation. Ella released the song on Dolly Parton's birthday (January 19) as a thank you to the legends who inspired her dream.

*"Jolene on the radio, I was barely six years old,
but I'd sing along to every word."*

When Ella was six, Pentatonix featuring Dolly Parton released their Grammy Award-winning version of "Jolene." That recording sparked something in Ella. At 13, she performed "Jolene" in the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition, celebrating Dolly Parton's music. Two years later, she penned "Legends," a tribute to the artists and storytellers who inspired her own journey.



THE JOURNEY OF "LEGENDS"



ELLA AS A CHILD

Listening to country music legends with her Nana created the strong foundation



THE SONG IS BORN

Written with Nashville songwriter Anne Buckle, the cousin of June Carter Cash



RECORDED IN NASHVILLE

At Farmland Studios with an incredible group of musicians: David Dorn, Tim Denbo & Matt King



RELEASED ON 1/19

"Legends" was released on Dolly's birthday as a tribute to her



NOMINATED

2026 Josie Music Award for Country Female Song of the Year nomination



This song is for Dolly and for every legend who showed this girl how to chase her dreams. Ella

ABOUT "LEGENDS"

"Legends" celebrates the timeless songs and stories that built country music and the artists who blazed the trail. It's a thank you, a love letter, and a promise to carry the legacy forward.

ROOTED IN TRADITION,
WRITTEN FOR TODAY,
SUNG FOR TOMORROW.

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