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An American Idol

Wearing a glittering gown, Carrie Underwood stood nervously before the *American Idol* judges. Then they called her name—she had won! Carrie cried with joy. She thanked America and sang “Inside Your Heaven” as fans cheered.

Carrie got a hug from her mother, Carole, after she won *American Idol*.



A photograph of Carrie Underwood singing into a black microphone. She has long, wavy blonde hair and is wearing a brown and green patterned dress. She is smiling and looking upwards. In the background, another woman with blonde hair is visible, also smiling. The image is set against a blue background with a white circular callout containing text.

Carrie's victory
in 2005 set an
American Idol record.
During that season,
more than 500 million
votes were sent in
by viewers.


Country Girl

Carrie Marie Underwood was born on March 10, 1983, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Carrie grew up on a farm with lots of animals. "I enjoyed things like playing on dirt roads, climbing trees . . . and, of course, singing," Carrie said. She loved country life.



Carrie in third grade





**When Carrie
grew up and left
Oklahoma, she missed her
animals. When her dad
called, he would put the
phone up to the animals'
ears. That way, Carrie
could speak to them!**

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E. Merwin enjoys writing about artists who teach us to believe in our talents and follow our dreams.

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Carrie Underwood is one of country music's biggest stars! Just who is she? Look inside to learn about Carrie's life and her many incredible achievements.

Luke Bryan
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