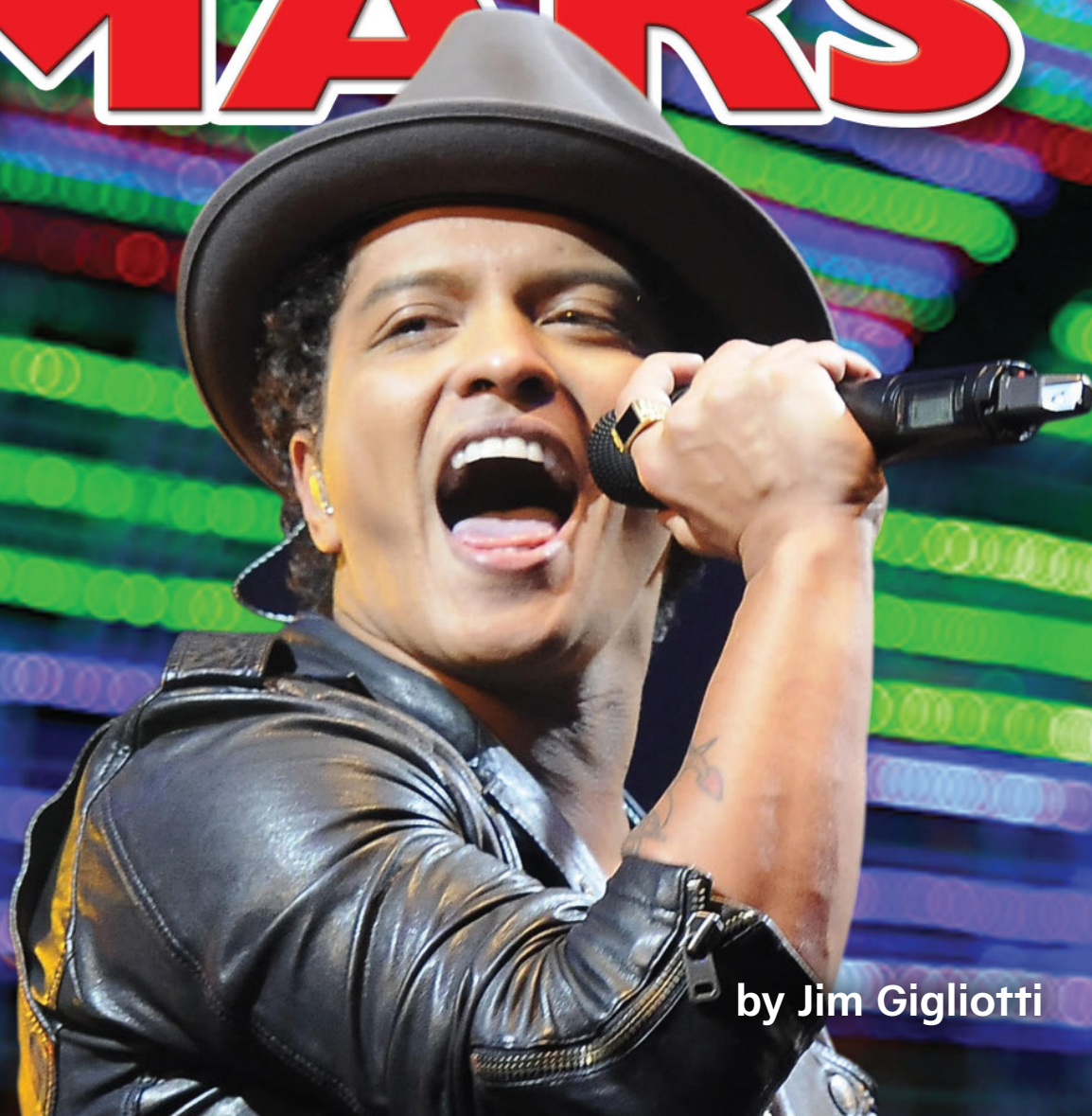


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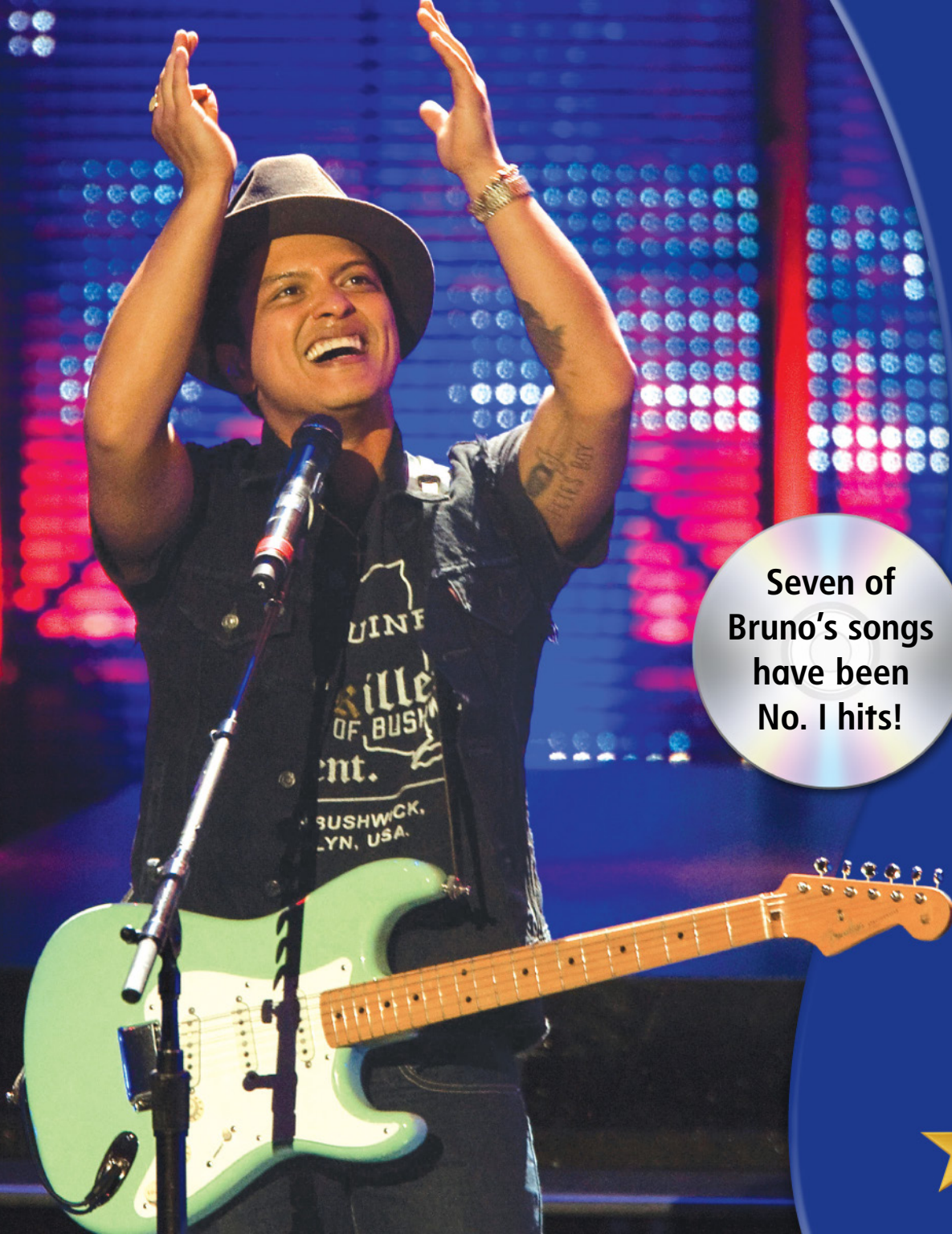
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Music Superstar

Bruno Mars danced across the stage, singing one of his biggest hits. The crowd went wild. His fans clapped their hands and stomped their feet. They sang along with the **lyrics**. Clearly, they loved every move he made!

A fan takes a selfie with Bruno.





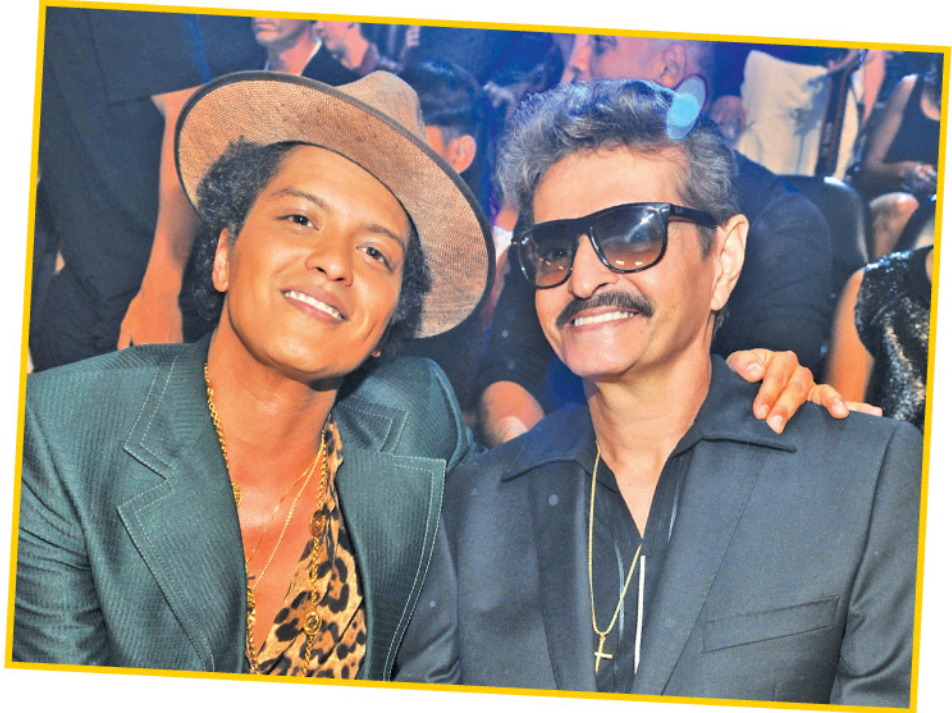
Seven of
Bruno's songs
have been
No. 1 hits!




Island Born

Bruno Mars was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on October 8, 1985. His real name is Peter Gene Hernandez. His dad gave him the nickname "Bruno." When he started his **career**, Bruno chose Mars as his last name.

Bruno and
his dad,
Peter, in 2013



A black and white photograph of a young boy and a woman sitting at a table. The boy, on the left, has curly hair and is wearing a leather jacket over a t-shirt. He is looking towards the woman on the right. The woman has long, wavy hair and is looking back at him. They are both smiling. In the background, another person is partially visible. The table in front of them has a checkered tablecloth and several glasses. The photo is set against a blue background with a white circular graphic element.

Bruno and his
mom in 1990

Why did Bruno
choose the name
"Mars"? Because, he
says, "girls think I'm
out of this world!"

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