



David Bowie

*The Rise and Fall of Ziggy  
Stardust and the Spiders  
from Mars*

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# TO BE PLAYED AT MAXIMUM VOLUME

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Recommendation on the back cover  
saved this twelve year old sci-fi nerd  
from a lifetime of John Denver  
A.M. bubblegum and silly love songs.

One minute and twenty-two seconds into Soul Love  
Mom came running inside and screamed.  
I was grounded and yard mowing money  
went to replace Dad's Altec 604s.

But I was converted  
believed world would end in five years  
everyone would dye hair neon yellow  
be bisexual and wear turquoise jumpsuits.

Turns out turquoise isn't my color  
but Ziggy—wild burning Ziggy—doomed  
star-bound Ziggy—you shattered me  
exactly how I needed to be.