

Dorothy Ashby



- 1932-1986

(born in Detroit, Michigan, USA; died in Santa Monica, California, USA)

- Initially played the piano. Also learned about music from her father, a jazz guitarist
 - Learned the harp at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, a public school with a harp program
- Primarily a jazz harpist, but also included other styles of music in her playing, including R&B and world music
- Made 11 solo recordings including *Afro-Harping*, *The Jazz Harpist*, and *Hip Harp*
 - Her husband, John Ashby, was a drummer and they played together in a trio
- Won *Down Beat* magazine's critics' and readers' award for best jazz performer in 1962



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