Count Basie

Have a seat and I will tell you. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is William James and I was born August 21, 1904. My parents are hard workers. My father, Harvey Lee, is a coachman and a groundskeeper, and my mother, Lillian, is a laundress.  I hate to see my parents working so hard. One day I vow to help them get ahead. We have a piano in our house, and Mama pays 25¢ a lesson for my piano lessons.  I have an incredible ear, and I can repeat any tune I hear. I promise that one day my parents won’t have to work. I will use my music to help my family.

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Dance: One O’Clock Jump

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