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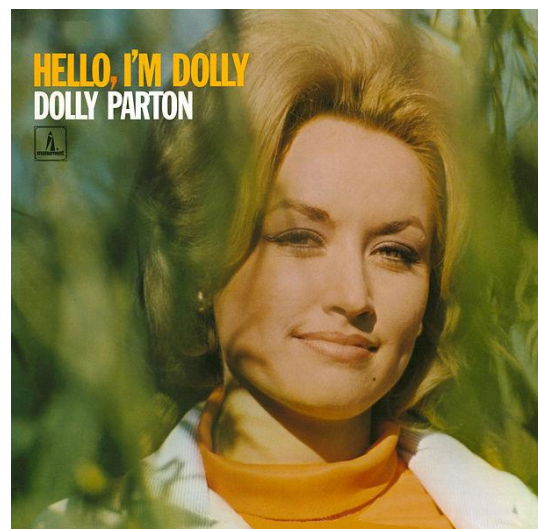


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The day after I left school in 1964 I moved to Nashville. I was determined to pursue a musical career and become famous.

The first job I got was as a songwriter with Combine Publishing. My uncle was in Nashville with me and we wrote songs together. Many of these became hits.

In 1965 I signed with Monument Records and recorded songs myself. It took a while but eventually I had a hit with Something Fishy and I recorded my first album Hello, I'm Dolly.



In 1967 I was invited to join a weekly TV show, The Porter Wagoner Show.



I stayed with Porter Wagoner for a while but our relationship was not meant to last. I wrote the song 'I Will Always Love You' for him.

Porter Wagoner's influence on my career led to my decision to leave. I wrote

In 1980 I had my acting debut

in the movie 'The Rose' alongside Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlinson. I wrote the theme song for it which was a huge hit.

