



Grover and Stevie Wonder

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Grover is a *Sesame Street* character who describes himself as a "cute, furry little monster." He loves to help people, but is extremely bad at it. Grover rarely uses contractions when speaking, giving him a distinctive vocal pattern, in comparison to many other television characters. His character is multi-talented, taking on many different roles and professions throughout the series' run, including Waiter Grover, Super Grover, and Global Grover. He was one of the hosts of *Play with Me Sesame*, with his main roles being in interactive music sequences, as the self-proclaimed "moving and grooving monster." Stevie Wonder made a guest appearance on a 1973 episode of *Sesame Street*. He performed his hit "Superstition," the No. 1 hit off his album *Talking Book*. One of the sweet kid-friendly moments occurred when Wonder tried to teach Grover how to sing.

Stevie Wonder (b. 1950) made a guest appearance on Episode 0514 of *Sesame Street*. He performed "123 Sesame Street" and his hit "Superstition," and talked to Grover. Many of the street scenes from that episode were repeated on the show as inserts. Kermit the Frog and the Electric Mayhem interviewed the musician in the Spring 1984 issue of *Muppet Magazine*. Wonder appeared in "Yakety Yak - Take It Back," a recycling PSA that eventually aired on *Sesame Street*. In *The Muppets* episode "The Ex-Factor," it is revealed that Wonder's song "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" was Kermit and Miss Piggy's song when they were dating. Stevie Wonder's song "Happy Birthday to Ya" is heard at the end of the Universal Studios Singapore stage show *Sesame Street Birthday Blowout*.

Zoe and Destiny's Child

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Zoe is a three-year-old monster who first appeared on *Sesame Street* in Season 25 (1993-1994). Zoe was created to help balance what was then a predominately male cast of Muppets on the series. The color orange was chosen for her design to complement Elmo, who was gaining popularity at the time of her introduction. Apart from some light jewelry, Zoe was originally unclothed. Beginning in season 33, she started wearing a tutu, as — like many girls of her age — she is obsessed with ballet. She occasionally rides a soapbox-style car around Sesame Street, called the Zoemobile. In season 33 (2002), Michelle Williams, Beyoncé Knowles, and Kelly Rowland stopped by *Sesame Street* for a little performance as Destiny's Child. The then-intact girl group joined Zoe, Grover, and Elmo and sang "A New Way to Walk."

Before Beyoncé went solo and became one of America's most beloved icons, she made her *Sesame Street* debut alongside her fellow members of Destiny's Child. The trio (Michelle Williams, Beyoncé Knowles, and Kelly Rowland) is a Grammy Award-winning R&B female musical group and appeared on *Sesame Street* in an insert performing a new version of "A New Way To Walk" with Zoe, Grover, and Elmo (First: Episode 3984).