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Yusuf/Cat Stevens opens up about his conversion
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The singer who rose to fame as Cat Stevens, and is now known as Yusef/Cat Stevens, is getting candid about his conversion to Islam and the fallout that ensued.

 On Sunday, the 72-year old musician & born Steven Demetre Georgiou to a Swedish mother and Greek Cypriot father * appeared on the BBC 4 radio program Desert Islands Discs to discuss his life, including the 1976 near-death experience that resulted in him turning to the Muslim faith.

br/>♦I was an Englishman, ♦ he told radio host Lauren Laverne of nearly drowning in Malibu, Calif. I didnot know it wasnot wise to go out at that time of day and take a swim, so I did.

 ♦I♦m fighting the Pacific. ♦ There was no way I was going to win. There was only one thing to do and that was to pray to the almighty to save me. And I did.
 <br and he saved me. A little wave came from behind. It wasnot big. It was just simply pushing me forward. The tide somehow had changed and I was able to get back to land. So I was saved. I didn♦t know what was going to happen next. ♦

 Following the incident, Stevens ♦ who had already explored Buddhism while battling tuberculosis as a teen was given a copy of the Qur@an by his brother.

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