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Cole Porter Feature  
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As it is often said, music is food for the soul. It can inspire, uplift, amuse, and charm us. Good music is priceless. Such is the gift given to us by the world-famous composer and songwriter Cole Porter. Cole, an Indiana legend, was born in the small town of Peru in 1891. The magic began after his first piece was published when he was only ten, and his determination catapulted him from there. Attending Yale, he wrote two of the university's best-known football songs. His other well-known songs include "Let's Do It, Let's Fall In Love," and "I Get A Kick Out Of You." Porter was married to a beautiful, wealthy woman named Linda Lee Thomas, and together they lived lives of socialites in Paris and New York. However, not everything in his life was this glitzy and blissful. In 1937, he was thrown from a horse and suffered injuries to both legs that would haunt him for the rest of his life. But it was through misfortune that he was motivated. It was after this accident that he wrote two of his most successful works. "Anything Goes" and "Kiss Me, Kate," based on Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, lit up Broadway. These classics continue to dazzle today as Porter is honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Finally, this artistic master is getting the recognition he deserves.