

Singer-Songwriter Kenny Rankin Dead at 69

Kenny Rankin, an acclaimed New York-based singer-songwriter who contributed guitar to Bob Dylan's 1965 classic *Bringing It All Back Home*,



passed away June 7th following complications related to lung cancer, *Billboard* reports. He was 69. Rankin also penned songs like "Peaceful," a hit for Helen

Reddy and "Haven't We Met," which was recorded by Carmen McRae and Mel Tormé.

Inspired by his multicultural upbringing in New York City's Washington Heights, Rankin's style shifted from singer-songwriter fare to jazz to standards to songs inspired by Brazilian music. "That he was still at the top of his game is one of the saddest parts of his passing for me," Mack Avenue Records president Denny Stilwell said in a statement. "He performed the new material in our office over the last few months and his voice was still in its finest form — he sounded absolutely amazing. Our hearts and prayers are with his family."