A grayscale sagittal MRI scan of a human head and neck, showing the brain, spinal cord, and surrounding structures. The image is centered and occupies most of the frame. A small white letter 'H' is visible at the top center of the brain.

BRAIN ATTACK

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A project to raise funds for charity and to raise awareness about stroke (*brain attack*) in younger, working age *brain attack* survivors

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Brain Attack is an unusual charity fundraising project. The concept has been developed by Andy Dovey. On 28th May 2013, he suffered a major cerebellar stroke (or, colloquially, a *brain attack*). On admission to hospital, his condition gradually deteriorated resulting in (two days later) emergency brain surgery. Upon discharge from hospital, Andy set about rebuilding his life, overcoming many physical, emotional and mental obstacles long the way. There are still many obstacles to overcome!

At the time of his *brain attack* (stroke), Andy knew nothing about the condition, its debilitating effects and the massive, life changing impact it was to have on him. One day he was an active 55 year old man, a musician (drummer), earning his living by playing in bands and also teaching drums (both in schools and privately in his own studio). The next day, all that was gone, blown away by the *brain attack*.

As part of his recovery, Andy started to write down his story, his feelings, his thoughts. These evolved into the lyrics for songs. No longer able to play in bands or teach, Andy started to map out (in his head) the music to accompany the words he had written. As part of his personal therapy, he was eventually able to start to write and record the music which he was hearing in his head. His wife suggested maybe “doing something for charity” and the *Brain Attack* project was born.

The aim now is to produce a CD for purchase and/or download to raise funds for Different Strokes (www.differentstrokes.co.uk) – a charity focussed on the needs of the younger, working age stroke survivor. Andy hopes that by using his story, placed in a musical environment, that it will help raise awareness of this most devastating condition.

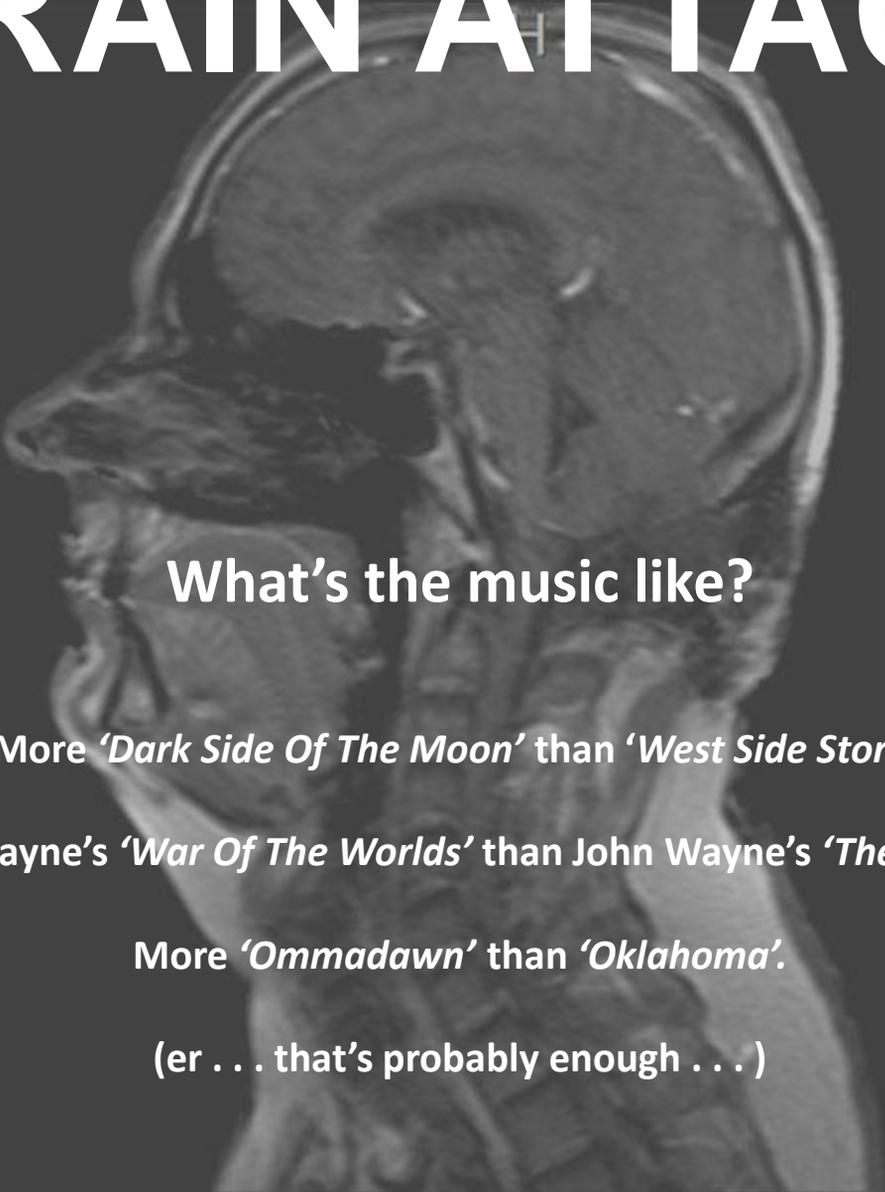
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Sound clips of Work In Progress demos can be found at

<https://www.brainattackmusic.com/listen>

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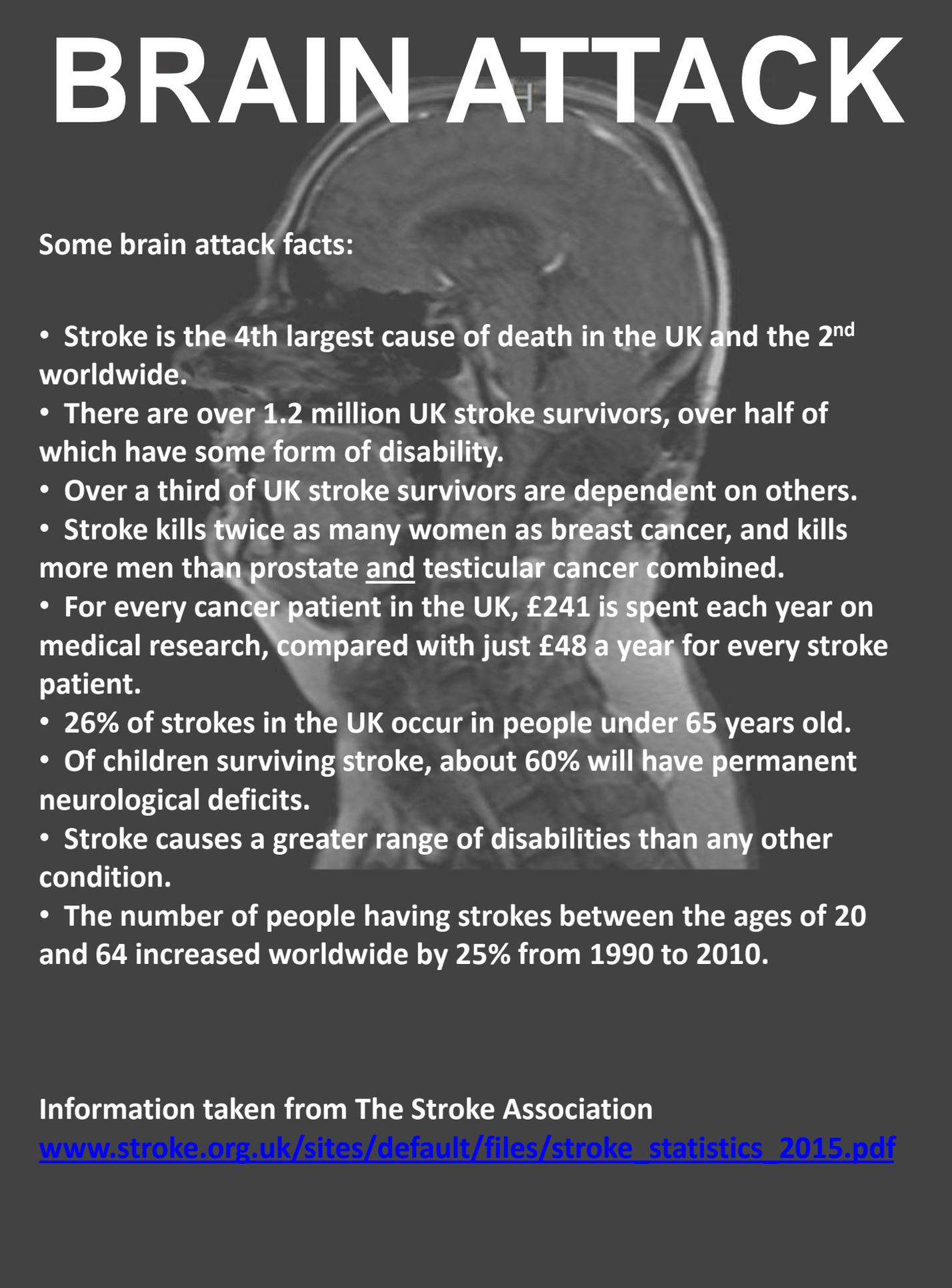
More *'Dark Side Of The Moon'* than *'West Side Story'*.

More Jeff Wayne's *'War Of The Worlds'* than John Wayne's *'The War Wagon'*.

More *'Ommadawn'* than *'Oklahoma'*.

(er . . . that's probably enough . . .)

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Some brain attack facts:

- Stroke is the 4th largest cause of death in the UK and the 2nd worldwide.
- There are over 1.2 million UK stroke survivors, over half of which have some form of disability.
- Over a third of UK stroke survivors are dependent on others.
- Stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer, and kills more men than prostate and testicular cancer combined.
- For every cancer patient in the UK, £241 is spent each year on medical research, compared with just £48 a year for every stroke patient.
- 26% of strokes in the UK occur in people under 65 years old.
- Of children surviving stroke, about 60% will have permanent neurological deficits.
- Stroke causes a greater range of disabilities than any other condition.
- The number of people having strokes between the ages of 20 and 64 increased worldwide by 25% from 1990 to 2010.

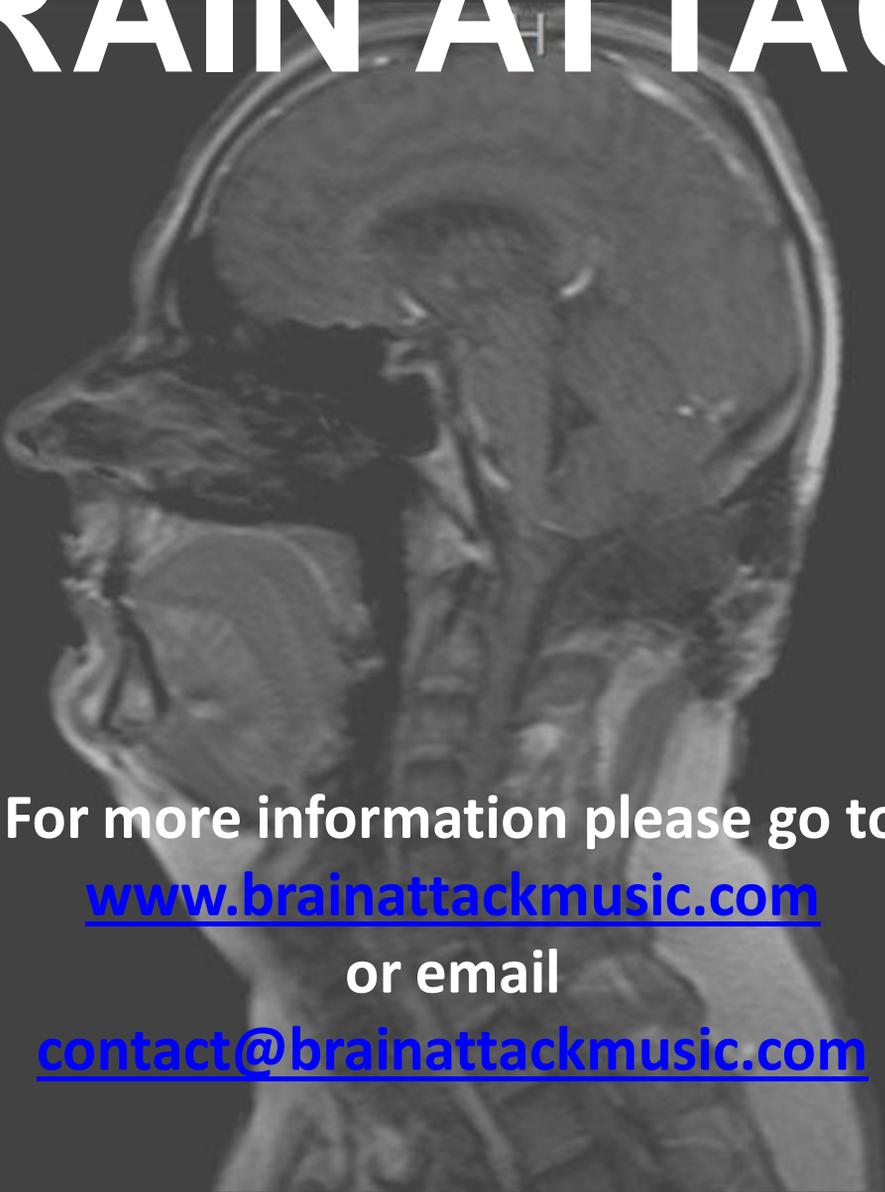
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www.stroke.org.uk/sites/default/files/stroke_statistics_2015.pdf

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