



Coco Lee

Coco was born with an abnormality in her left leg and had to rely on her right leg. Her father died before she was born. At about nine years old, she moved to San Francisco with her surgeon mother and two older sisters, and eventually naturalized. Coco learned to speak English in two months, becoming the top student in school. She was crowned Miss Junior Chinatown when she was in Presidio Middle School (1991), and she was class president for three years at Raoul Wallenberg Traditional High School. While visiting Hong Kong with her mother, Coco entered a talent show singing an English song and ended second in the final round out of 10,000 applicants. Capital Artists immediately offered her a contract. She decided to leave her pre-medical studies at University of California, Irvine. Her singing career eventually expanded from Hong Kong to Taiwan and internationally. In 1998, Disney hired her to sing and voice Mulan in the Mandarin version of *Mulan*. Coco became the first Chinese American singer to break into the American market with her 1999 song entitled "Do You Want My Love" that reached #4 on the *US Billboard*. She was also the first Chinese American to sing at the Oscars (2001) and at an NBA game (2002). Then in 2008, she was chosen to sing one of the Summer Olympics songs. Coco died by suicide in 2023. Her ashes were laid to rest next to her father in Wuhan, China.

Note: Some songs listed might have explicit content; listener discretion advised.