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# Noël Coward (1899-1973)

(English dramatist and humourist, actor and singer, socialite, homosexual)

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