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(Part One)

Is the 24-hour news cycle stressing you out? When all the news seems to be bad, I always turn to music. This is a list of songs that celebrate love for our fellow man, no matter what color, creed or political persuasion. They are timeless. Let's feel good as we celebrate part one of The Great Songs of Brotherly Love!

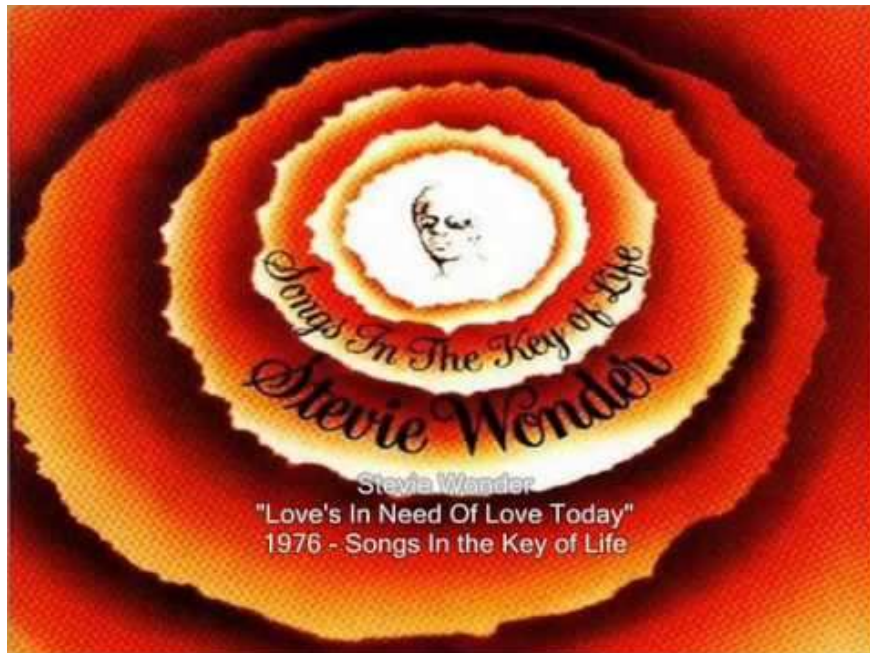


"Get Together" - The Youngbloods (1967)

*Come on people now, Smile on your brother
Everybody get together, Try to love one another
Right now*

"Get Together" has really been around. Written by Chester Powers in 1963, it's been covered by numerous acts including The Kingston Trio, Jefferson Airplane, We Five, Linda Ronstadt, The Carpenters and others. It topped out at #5 after The Youngbloods re-released it in 1969 and their version remains a defining song of sixties ideals and the power of music. It has appeared in movies, TV shows and is sometimes referred to as the "hippie national anthem." Full of rich imagery, it captured the zeitgeist of the time. Its spirit lives on in 2019 and it still sounds as fresh as a summer breeze.

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"Love's In Need Of Love Today" - Stevie Wonder(1976)

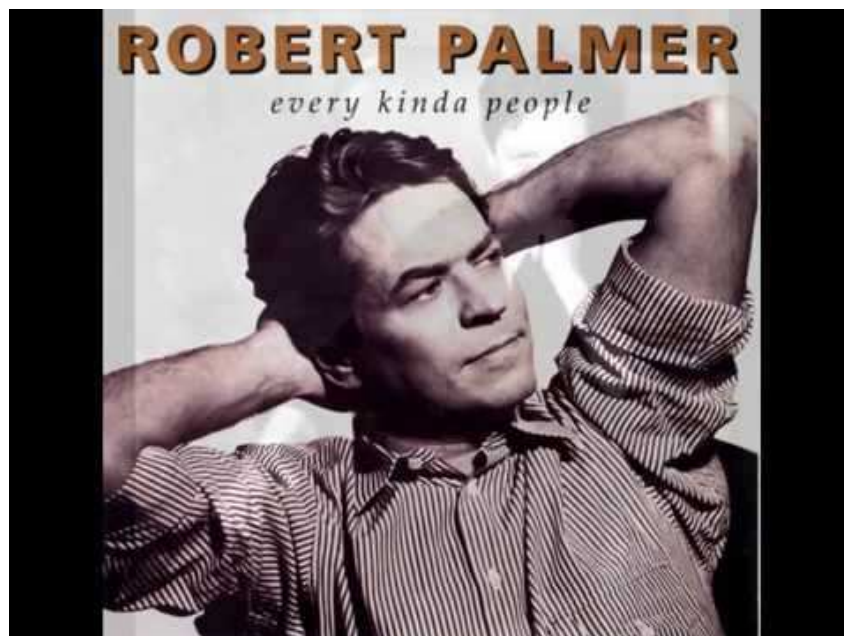
*Love's in need of love today
Don't delay, Send yours in right away*

The first track of Stevie Wonder's magnificent *Songs In The Key Of Life* is a sermon on love. If it sometimes seems like hate is on the rise in the world, this song is the perfect response. As Stevie himself said "love has

to be fed" or it will wither and die." Love might not be the most original subject for a song, but when it comes from Stevie's mouth it has greater meaning. *Songs In The Key Of Life* was Stevie Wonder's eighteenth album and was the culmination of his "classic period." Life can be a struggle sometimes, so when you're feeling a little bruised up, give "Love's In Need Of Love Today" a spin.

Love will conquer all.

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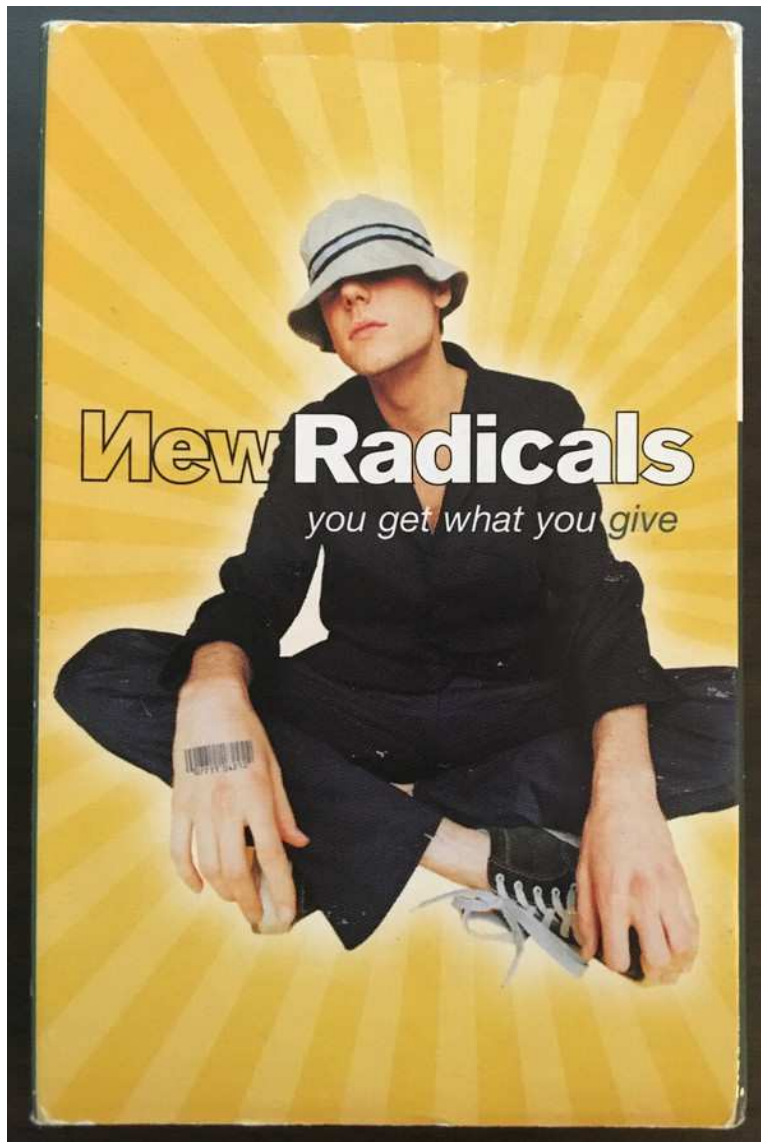


"Every Kind Of People"- Robert Palmer (1978)

*Whether yellow, black or white, Each and every man's the same inside.
It takes every kind of people to make what life's about, yeah"*

Robert Palmer's first hit, "Every Kind Of People" was a funky, joyous message of peace. Written by Island Records label mate and former Free bassist Andy Fraser, it charted top-twenty. Its blend of Caribbean steel pan, violins and sunny lyrics about every kind of people living in harmony together gave it an exotic Caribbean-flavored vibe that's irresistible. It still rocks my world in a major way.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwCHFaarTjY>



"You Get What You Give" - New Radicals (1998)

*You've got the music in you (Don't let go)
You've got the music in you (One dance left) This world is gonna pull
through (Don't give up)
You've got a reason to live (Can't forget)
We only get what we give*

*This world is gonna pull through (Don't give up)
You've got a reason to live (Can't forget)
We only get what we give*

The New Radicals were one-hit-wonders, but that one hit was a damn good one. "You Get What You Give" doesn't take itself too seriously, but it delivers feel-good vibes in a big way. Its large, airy production offers a

message of hope to anyone down on their luck and urges them to just hang on...it will get better. It is a thing of beauty. Toward the end, its commentary on the modern ills of society divert the listener's attention from the preceding lines of optimism; songwriter Gregg Alexander wanted to see which section would get the most attention. Anyway, this is a solid message of positivity and I'll take that any ole day.

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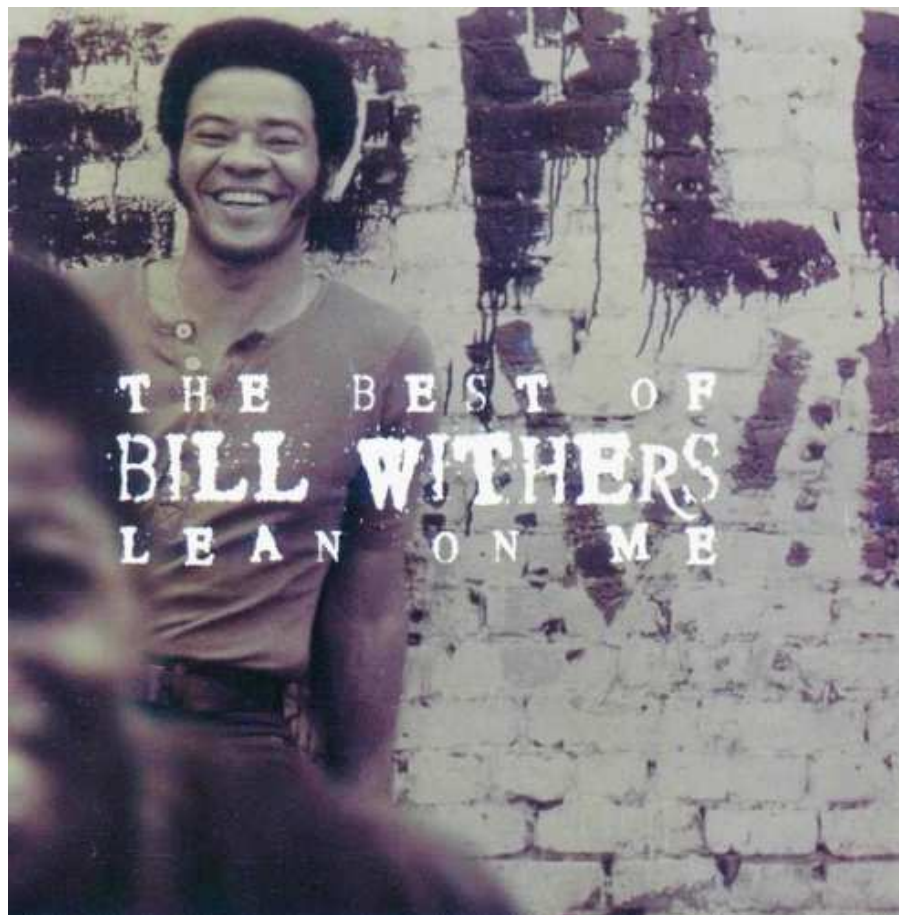
Harvest For The World - The Isley Brothers (1976)

*Gather every man, gather every woman
Celebrate your lives, give thanks for your children
Gather everyone, gather all together
Overlooking none, hopin' life gets better for the world.*

As always, you can trust that the great Isley Brothers will bring the groove while they raise social consciousness and that's just what they do on "Harvest For The World." With the tremendous Ronald Isley singing lead vocals and those pounding hand-claps leading the rhythm section, these lyrics of world peace and humanitarianism deeply satisfy.

It's an anthem for all the people of the world.

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"Lean On Me" - Bill Withers (1972)

*If there is a load you have to bear, that you can't carry
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.*

"Lean On Me" has become a certified standard over the years. Rolling Stone ranks it at #208 on their list of the "500 Greatest Songs of All Time." It was inspired by Bill Withers' upbringing in rural West Virginia where "people were a little more attentive to each other" and would offer a helping hand if needed. "Lean On Me" was a beautifully idealized vision of how things are supposed to work and was Withers' only number one hit. The profound themes here float along on the simplest of melodies. It's a treasure.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=de00ajXMUX0>

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