



Soul legend Al Green was born in Forrest City, Ark. in 1946 and began performing at age nine as part of his father's gospel group, the Green Brothers. During the mid/late 1950s the quartet toured the South, but the Green family later moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. and Al Green formed a new R&B group, Al Green and the Creations. The Creations became the Soul Mates, and in 1968 the group scored an R&B Top 5 single with Back Up Train.

In 1969 Green began a solo career in close collaboration with producer Willie Mitchell, releasing his debut album Green Is Blues the following year. His 1970 follow-up Al Green Gets Next To You went gold thanks to the hit single Tired of Being Alone, while 1972's Let's Stay Together reached the Top 10 when its title track hit No. 1.

Another 1972 release, I'm Still in Love With You, reached No. 4, while 1973's Call Me contained three Top 10 singles, Here I Am, Call Me, and Sha-La-La (Make Me Happy). Al Green was now an R&B superstar, known for his soulful voice, interesting musical arrangements, and energetic live shows.

Tragically, in October 1974 Green's former girlfriend, Mary Woodson, assaulted him in his home, burning him over much of his torso before killing herself. Shocked by this incident, Green found God and became a preacher at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Memphis, where he still preaches to this day. Though he released three more albums for Hi Records, the label which discovered him, Green became weary of the music industry and founded his own studio, American Music, in 1977. His next two albums, The Belle Album (1977) and Truth and Time (1978) were self-produced by Green and received good reviews but didn't have the commercial impact of earlier material. Then one day in 1979 Green accidentally fell off th...

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