

Throwback: Sister Sledge-He's The Greatest Dancer

Kathy, Debbie, Joni and Kim Sledge are sisters from Philadelphia who formed their Baptist trained singing group in 1971. Their grandmother Viola Williams was an opera singer and they used to perform under the name of Mrs. Williams' Grandchildren. First albums *Circle Of Love* and *Together* in '75 and '77 produced modest R&B hits "Love, Don't You Go Through No Changes On Me" and "Blockbuster Boy." It wasn't until they worked with Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards of Chic in '79 that their voices began to travel up the charts and into the nation's permanent musical memories. The Chic connection is how their classic album *We Are Family* got produced and this is where "He's The Greatest Dancer" came from under the disco style tutelage of Rodgers and Edwards. ["We Are Family"](#) their most successful song was the title track to the album and ["Lost In Music"](#) is another dance favorite also from that set. Love Somebody Today and All American girls followed and made an impression with ["Got To Love Somebody,"](#) "Pretty Baby" and "Next Time You'll Know." The sisters went on to release ten more albums with the Earth, Wind and Fire influenced *African Eyes* from '97 being their last critical success. The band [still tours](#) and [Kathy Sledge](#) is known on the dance scene for ["Take Me Back To Love Again"](#) and ["Another Star."](#)