

Throwback: GQ-Disco Nights



GQ was a quartet from the Bronx, New York started in 1968 with the name Sabu & The Survivors. In the 1970's they changed their name to The Rhythm Makers and released one album *Soul On Your Side* in 1976. ["Zone"](#) was a popular dance single from that project recorded for the De-Lite Recorded Sound Corporation mostly known for signing Kool and The Gang. They became GQ (Good Quality) in 1978 at the behest of their manager and got a new record deal with Arista. "Disco Nights (Rock Freak)" from their first 1979 Arista LP charted at number one for the R&B category and became a timeless party record. ["I Do Love You"](#) was a quietstorm standard originally sung by '60's R&B singer [Billy Stewart](#) and their cover firmly placed GQ into classic status. ["Sitting In The Park"](#) and ["Standing Ovation"](#) were the singles from the 1980 album *Two* and they gratified their R&B audience with tracklisting of all original music. *Face to Face* in 1981 would be their last album and their exit was graceful. The dancefloor blissfulness of ["Shake"](#) and the heavyhearted ballad ["Sad Girl"](#) were the goodbye singles that officially ended their recording career. Lead singer Emanuel Rahiem LeBlanc released a [tribute](#) to Marvin Gaye and Stewart.