

Happy Birthday Stevie Wonder!

Happy Birthday to the icon Stevie Wonder! The only other child prodigy on Motown besides Michael turned 60 today. I don't have to tell you his hits because they are a part of international memory. Just to think about it Stevie gave Rufus and Chaka Khan their first hit with ["Tell Me Something Good."](#) I just learned today in the current issue of Waxpoetics that Smokey Robinson's ["Tears Of A Clown"](#) was a Stevie song that Stevie had lying around unfinished. Stevie gave Jermaine Jackson his first number one hit with ["Let's Get Serious."](#) Don't forget that's his harmonica on Chaka's version of Prince's ["I Feel For You."](#) It took his song ["Higher Ground"](#) to raise the profile of the The Red Hot Chili Peppers. Stevie got himself arrested for his support of Dr. King's birthday becoming a national holiday which culminated in ["Happy Birthday"](#) from the classic *Hotter Than July* album. *Songs In The Key Of Life* is the third most important concept album in soul music after Marvin Gaye's *What's Going On* and Curtis Mayfield's *Superfly*. These are just a bit of Stevie's achievements and there are so much more. So Happy Birthday to one of the brightest lights in music!