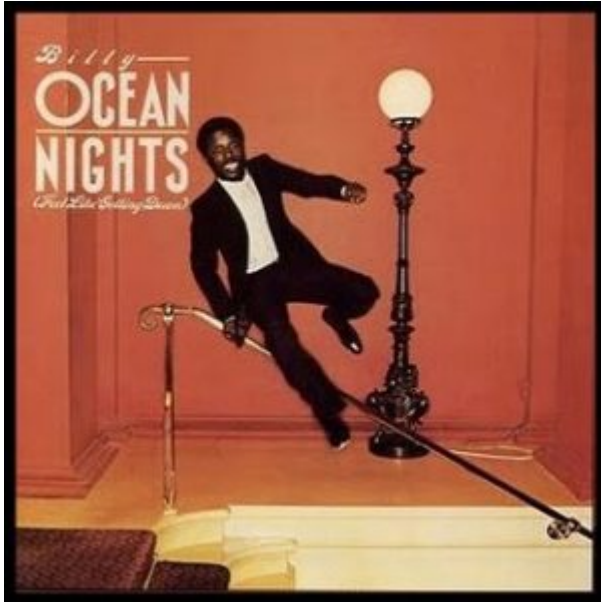


Throwback: Billy Ocean-Nights (Feel Like Getting Down)



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Billy Ocean entered the music scene in 1976 with his first self-titled album on GTO Records. The relationship produced four successful singles for the UK by way of Trinidad singer. [“Love Really Hurts Without You,”](#) [“Love On Delivery,”](#) [“Stop Me \(If You’ve Heard It All Before\)”](#) and [“Red Light Spells Danger”](#) were all important in establishing his audience at home in the United Kingdom and in the United States. Four years passed before he released his second album *City Limit*. [“Are You Ready”](#) and [“Stay The Night”](#) from that album were well-known club records. By 1981 Ocean had moved to Epic Records and *Nights (Feel Like Getting Down)* was his third full-length project. *Inner Feelings* was his last recording for Epic in 1982 and then he signed to Jive. *Suddenly* came out in 1984 and it ushered in platinum sales and gave him a presence in the mainstream particularly with MTV audiences. [“Caribbean Queen \(No More Love On The Run\)”](#) became an international hit and its lyrics were changed according to the market where it was heard. [“Loverboy”](#) and [“Suddenly”](#) also upheld the album’s chart

reception and established Ocean as an icon of '80's pop. *Love Zone*, which was the 1986 follow-up to *Suddenly*, underscored Ocean's newfound pop status with ["When The Going Gets Tough The Tough Get Going"](#) when it did well Billboard-wise and was on the "Jewel Of The Nile" soundtrack. ["Love Zone"](#) the single and ["They'll Be Sad Songs \(To Make You Cry\)"](#) were the other hits to make it to R&B and pop radio. *Tear Down These Walls* was Ocean's seventh album and it was another platinum seller thanks to the songs ["Get Out Of My Dreams, Get Into My Car"](#) and ["The Colour Of Love."](#) Unknown to most is that Teddy Riley was a producer on *Tear Down These Walls*. The following year a greatest hits package came out and in 1993 he recorded *Time To Move On*, his last album on Jive and it was recorded with R. Kelly. "Caribbean Queen" was re-released in 2004 to mark its 29th anniversary and will.i.am did a remix of the song in 2005. Ocean's most recent release is 2009's *Because I Love You*.