

Throwback: Rainy Davis - Sweetheart



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Rainy Davis is a Brooklyn-born singer, songwriter and entrepreneur. Davis started singing professionally as a member of the group Jamilia which also included Keith Sweat. Soon after becoming a member of Jamilia she joined Patrick Adams's disco trio Musique. She toured with the band during the tour for their signature singles, "In The Bush" and "Keep On Jumpin'." Davis's work as a songwriter was first recognized when she co-wrote "I Want To Give You Me" with Norbert Sloley for the disco group Inner Life in 1980. "Sweetheart" was written by Davis and producer Pete Warner for Janet Jackson's *Control* album, but by the time the demo was finished the songs were already chosen. Davis released the song independently and it did well on urban radio, pop radio and in the clubs. Columbia gave her recording contract and *Sweetheart*, the album, also had a hit with ["Lowdown So & So."](#) A cover of Prince's ["Still Waiting"](#) was the album's third and final single. *Ouch* was her second album for Columbia and after ["Indian Giver"](#) experienced a lackluster reception, her contract was ended. Davis and Warner succeeded again in the pop realm of the '80's when they co-wrote "Spring Love" for The Cover Girls. "Sweetheart" had a second life in the late '90's when Jermaine Dupri remade it for his *Life In 1472* album. Mariah Carey sang backup on Dupri's version and then used the song for her #1's, *Greatest Hits* and *The Remixes* recordings. In 2005 Rainy Davis launched her [Rainysongs Entertainment](#) company which offers full service digital distribution services.