

Throwback: Perri-Someone Like You



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Carolyn, Lori, Darlene and Sharon Perri are sisters who grew-up in Bakersfield, California and started singing in clubs while still in high school. Pat Metheny took them on tour in the early '80's after they sent him a demo with cover versions of his songs. They signed their first recording contract with Zebra Records before they were purchased by MCA and debuted with the *Celebrate* album in 1986. Anita Baker became a fan of their music and invited them to sing backup on her '86-'87 tour. Baker's producer, Michael J. Powell, worked on Perri's 1988 second album, *The Flight* as a musician and co-writer of ["I'm The One."](#) ["No Place To Go"](#) from *The Flight* was their first single to chart and introduce their strong harmonies to

the public. Spike Lee picked them for his 1989 *Do The Right Thing* soundtrack which included their songs, [“Prove To Me,”](#) [“Feels So Good”](#) and [“Hard To Say”](#) with Gerald Alston. “Someone Like You” is from their 1990 *Tradewinds* album and Baker’s obvious influence does not obscure Perri’s brilliance. Perri stopped recording after *Tradewinds* and since then they have kept busy by providing vocals for numerous artists including Quincy Jones, Lenny Kravitz, Garth Brooks, George Michael and many others.