

Throwback: Rick Astley-Never Gonna Give You Up



[youtube id="dQw4w9WgXcQ"]Rick Astley became an international pop star when his hit song "Never Gonna Give You Up" debuted in 1987. Astley's arresting baritone grabbed ears and producer and songwriter Stock Aitken Waterman provided a dance-pop sound that topped the pop charts and was also played in clubs like the Paradise Garage. The success of "Never Gonna Give You Up" helped Astley's debut album, *Whenever You Need Somebody* go to no. 1 around the world. The pulse of Astley's signature song has lived on and in 2007 it was the subject of a meme called "Rickrolling" where an internet user would click on a link indicating one thing but be led to the song's video. Rick Astley's ninth studio album, [*Beautiful Life*](#) was released in 2018.