

Throwback: Bill Withers - Lovely Day



[youtube id="7s6Vb0Ensgk"]Bill Withers was a famous singer known for his folk-influenced soul by the time of his sixth album *Menagerie* in 1977. He wrote "Lovely Day" with Skip Scarborough who had penned songs for other premier R&B acts of the time including Earth, Wind & Fire, LTD and The Emotions. The love dedication had a breezy feeling to it that was uptempo and not as heavy as Withers' earlier work. Withers and Scarborough created a Top Ten record that would be embraced by the public again in the '80s and '90s when the re-release charted in the United Kingdom and it was featured in a Gap commercial directed by Hype Williams. Withers had another signature song with "Lovely Day" that gave him relevance years after he ended his recording career with Columbia Records by refusing to sign with them again after 1985 because of disagreements over the direction of his music. In 2015, Bill Withers was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.Â