

Throwback: Toni Braxton - You're Makin' Me High



Toni Braxton's "You're Makin' Me High" led her 1996 album *Secrets* away from the dreaded sophomore slump and established her as a legendary voice. Her second album would outdo the great success of her 1993 debut album and carry her voice into the pop realm.

Babyface and Bryce Wilson co-wrote "You're Makin' Me High" and set the tone for Braxton's dark contralto to emanate subdued passion for a lover. Braxton was singing about sex without being sleazy and the beat invoked a lot of dancing pleasure for club goers.

The video starred Braxton alongside actresses Vivica Fox, Tisha Campbell and Erika Alexander hanging out and looking at men. Braxton picks Wilson in the choosing process and he becomes her love interest in the clip. "You're Makin' Me High" was Braxton's first number one hit and she received multiple Grammy, Billboard and American Music Awards for *Secrets*. Fans often cite *Secrets* as their favorite release and it is Braxton's most successful album.

In 2018, Braxton's eighth album, *Sex & Cigarettes* came out on Def Jam Recordings and in 2019 she launched her As Long As I Live tour slated to end in November.

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