

Throwback: Tracy Chapman-Give Me One Reason

Tracy Chapman's "Give Me One Reason" was released on her 1995 album *New Beginnings*. She first performed it during a 1989 episode of *Saturday Night Live*. Chapman's bluesy acoustic plea to a lover to possibly save the ending of a relationship was a delicately expressed emotional stalemate. Her nuanced feelings towards a breakup became another one of her signature songs and the one to make the highest chart position. She received four Grammy nominations for "Give Me One Reason" and won the Grammy Award For Best Rock Song. Tracy Chapman's eighth studio album, *Our Bright Future* was released in 2008. In 2018, Tracy Chapman sued Nicki Minaj for copyright infringement over the use of her song "Baby Can I Hold You" being sampled for Minaj's "Sorry." A judge ruled in Minaj's favor but she paid Chapman \$450,000 to avoid a trial over how the song ended up on DJ Funkmaster Flex's radio show.