

Throwback: Bob Marley And The Wailers-Is This Love

Bob Marley and the Wailer's 10th studio album *Kaya* was recorded at the same time as the music for *Exodus* released the previous year. Both albums were created during Marley's two-year exile in England after he, his wife and manager were shot at his Jamaican home. The warmth and easier accessibility of "Is This Love" reflected the album's mood which some fans believed was not political enough. Those songs about love and marijuana were not as fiery as some of their past work but the album was released at the same time as the One Love Peace Concert in Jamaica. Marley returned to perform at the concert that was held to bring calm in the midst of two political parties at war. "Is This Love" was a top ten hit in the UK and became a timeless song in Marley's catalog. A seven-year-old Naomi Campbell appeared in the video that was filmed in London. A live version of "Is This Love" is on the 1978 *Babylon By Bus* album and the famous 1984 compilation *Legend*. Corinne Bailey Rae won a Grammy for her cover of the song on her *Love* EP, Rihanna and Carly Simon also have performed and recorded the Marley classic.

The [Mystic Of A Queen](#) exhibit opened at the Bob Marley Museum in Jamaica this month on Marley's 77th birthday. Rita Marley, his widow, is the subject of the installation that celebrates her life as a cultural leader, matriarch, philanthropist, businesswoman and artist.

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