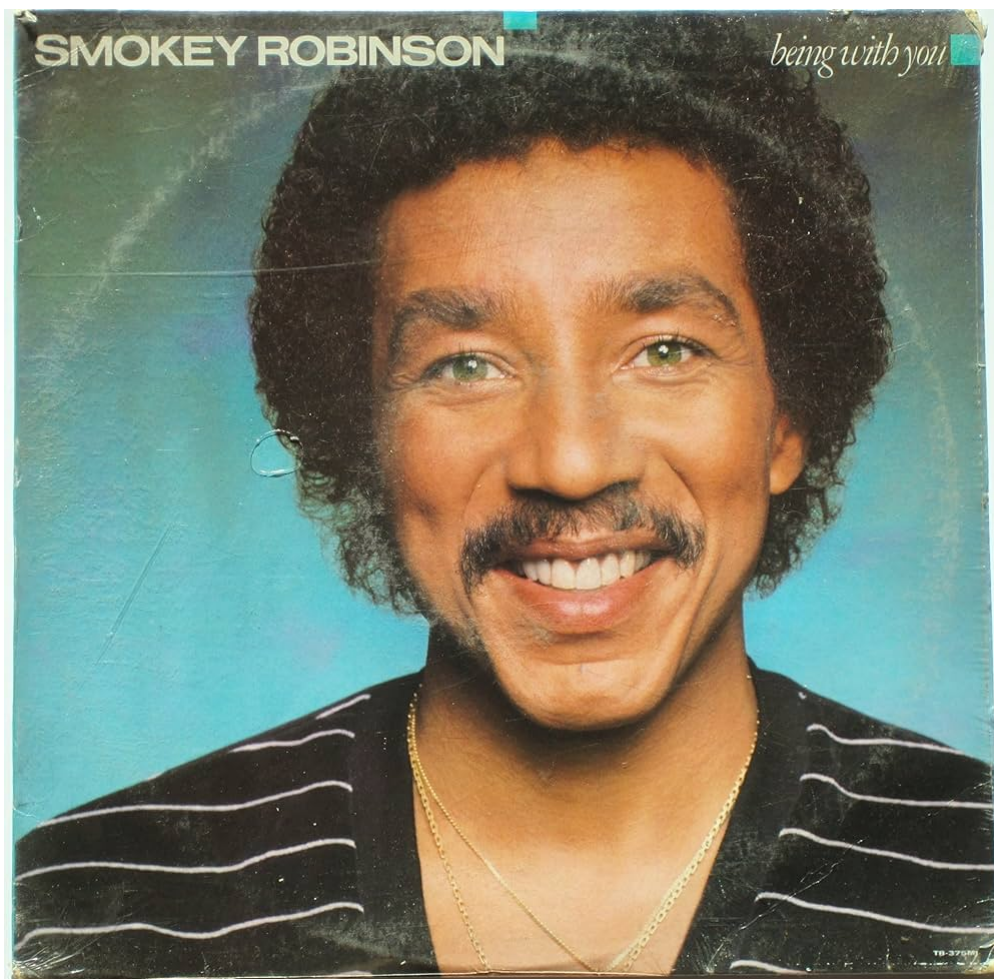


# Throwback: Smokey Robinson- Being With You



Smokey Robinson's 1981 solo album *Being With You* came along after he conquered a period of writer's block. The Motown singer, writer, and Vice-President left The Miracles in 1972. His albums did not consistently produce hits because it was difficult for him to fulfill all three roles simultaneously. Marv Tarplin, the guitarist for The Miracles and a frequent collaborator with Robinson, shared a song he wrote earlier and Robinson turned the tune into "Being With You," the single. Sixteen years after he enchanted audiences with his unmistakable falsetto singing "Ooh Baby Baby" with The Miracles, his ability to finesse a love song was unchanged. "Being With You" was his highest-charting single hitting number one in the UK. The album reached Gold status and put

Robinson in the company of other Motown artists like Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye who were relevant in the '80s. In 2023, Robinson released the album *Gasms*. The title was purposely controversial but it meant "anything that makes you feel good."

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## Media Questions Of The Week

*"People always ask me, 'How do I become a songwriter?' and I'm like, 'Don't! It's the dumbest business model in the world: You don't get paid unless something gets [recorded and released]. We work on spec every single day."*

<https://t.co/ADMzj5SUmR>

– Variety (@Variety) [February 23, 2024](#)

Will songwriters ever be substantially compensated for streaming?



Is [Tyler Perry](#) predicting the future when he says that Open AI Sora's text-to-video model will take away jobs in the movie and TV industry?

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## **The Madlib Invazion Library Releases Karriem Riggins's To The Jungle**



Karriem Riggins releases his *To The Jungle* album via The Madlib Invazion Music Library founded by Madlib and Egon during the pandemic. Riggins works out various rhythm patterns with a collection of songs that will entertain beat junkies and provide source material for producers. The drummer also released “Massamba Afundance” with Madlib from their forthcoming joint album *YHWH is LOVE*. Their newest collaboration will be the first release on Riggins’s Law Of Rhythm label he co-founded with Jae Barber. *YHWH is Love* comes out on March 1st.

[MILS009: To The Jungle by Karriem Riggins](#)

<https://youtu.be/Ks1jc3o05tI>

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# Rae Khalil Performs Is It Worth It Live In Video

<https://youtu.be/5wzkADAKelo?si=cN2f708vXEvjLT9z>

Rae Khalil performs the sultry “Is It Worth It” in a club setting with her band. Her soulful vocals, the musicians, her backup singers, and the choreography will make some call her the next wave of neo-soul. The R&B singer and hip-hop artist just signed to Anderson .Paak’s Apeshit Label which is a partnership with Def Jam. Paak also appears in the video on the drums. Khalil won her first Grammy with Paak for her songwriting work and vocals on his “Lockdown” which took the award for Best Melodic Rap Performance in 2021. She got her start as a contestant on Netflix’s music competition show Rhythm + Flow in 2019. “Is It Worth It” is Khalil’s debut single and the smoothness of it all brings up the question of when she will release her full-length album.