## Maxwell Covers Al Green's Simply Beautiful

Maxwell has officially recorded his rendition of Al Green's "Simply Beautiful." Green wrote and recorded "Simply Beautiful" for his 1972 classic album, *I'm Still in Love with You*. Maxwell has included the song in his live shows for years and performed it at the <u>BET Awards</u> in 2008 as a tribute to Green. "Simply Beautiful" will probably be included on his trilogy-finishing *Blacksummers' NIGHT* album. He also shared a video of him recording in the studio and talking about his introduction to Green's music. <u>Tickets</u> are on sale for his fall Serenade Tour, which has October London and Jazmine Sullivan on the bill. The Urban Hang Suite Cruise returns in 2025; <u>cabins</u> are being booked now.

## Throwback: Ann Nesby & Al Green-Put It On Paper

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[youtube id="ox5Q-bYduZw"] Ann Nesby and Al Green recorded "Put It On Paper" for Nesby's second album named after the song. Their performance gave Nesby her first Grammy nomination as a solo artist. She already had success as the former lead singer of the Sounds Of Blackness. They won Grammys, blazed Billboard and had some of their songs remixed into major club

hits during the '90s. Nesby and Green's vocals together formed a powerful soul pact of love. The strength of their duet and the overall collection including a cover of Brainstorm's "Lovin' Is Really My Game"Â announced her true coming out as a solo artist. Nesby released her ninth solo album *Living My Life* in 2014.Â

## Al Green-Tired Of Being Alone & Let's Stay Together On The Letterman Show

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Al Green recently became a Kennedy Center honoree and he appeared on Late Night With David Letterman to perform his classics, "Tired Of Being Alone" and "Let's Stay Together."

## R.I.P. Willie Mitchell

Willie Mitchell has passed. In the '60's he was a successful recording artist gigging at college campuses with songs like "Mercy" but he is famous for signing Al Green and producing all of his classic albums when Green was making a name for

himself on the Memphis based Hi Records. "I'm Still In Love With You," "Let's Stay Together," "Call Me (Come Back Home)" and everything that Green did at Hi Records would not have been what it was without Mr. Mitchell's touch. Ann Pebbles mostly known for "I Can't Stand The Rain" because of Missy Elliot's hip-hop cover of it was also produced by Mr. Mitchell. Rod Stewart, Keith Richards, Bob Seger, Paul Butterfield, Syl Johnson, O.V. Wright, John Mayer, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Jimmy McCracklin and others benefitted from his productions as well. Mitchell was the co-owner of Hi Records at one point and is the owner of Royal Studio where John Mayer just finished recording his album. Mitchell was trumpeter and his band performed at many New Year's Eve parties for Elvis. A native of Ashland, Mississippi Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Green worked together on Green's 1985 He Is The Light, I Can't Stop from 2003 and Everything's OK in 2005.