

Throwback: Damian Marley - Welcome To Jamrock



[youtube id="xlCmQcRPtRg"]Damian Marley's "Welcome To Jamrock" made the imperfections of Jamaica its subject because Marley didn't want to rehash the tourist-friendly version of the country. He referenced Jermaine Dupri's "Welcome To Atlanta" in the title and both songs depicted a non-mainstream perspective of each place. Marley's song was the title track of his 2005 album that was produced by his brother Stephen. "Welcome To Jamrock" attacked random violence, poverty and political corruption in its lyrics as it urged Jamaicans to stand as one and remake their home. The single and the album introduced Marley to Americans who were more familiar with his father and brothers Ziggy and Stephen. His attempt to get the attention of American listeners was aided by appearances from Black Thought, Bobby Brown and Nas. Bunny Wailer's presence added to the album's reggae pedigree. The broadening of his audience led to the winning of Grammy awards for Best Reggae Album and Best Urban/Alternative Performance for the lead single. Marley released his fourth studio album *Stony Hill* in 2017.

Damian Marley Takes His Son On A Tour Of Trenchtown In

Video For Living It Up

[youtube id="8XN8h3JHmHw"] Damian Marley used his video for "Living It Up" to give his son a tour of their family's origins in Trenchtown. They walk through the neighborhood in Kingston, Jamaica and Marley shows him the life Bob Marley was able to escape because of his success. He also shows him the house his grandmother, the late Cedella Marley Booker used to live in before she relocated to the United States. The scenery changes and they have a celebration at their mansion in the other part of town with a white party. "Living It Up" is from Marley's 2017 [Stony Hill](#) album.

Jay-Z On SNL

Jay-Z was the musical guest on *Saturday Night Live* and he performed "Bam" with Damian Marley and "4:44" solo. His appearance was highly anticipated because he had not been on the show in seven years. He wore a custom-made jersey for Colin Kaepernick. Jay-Z is also providing a private plane via his TIDAL X's: Puerto Rico mission for Fat Joe to take supplies to the island that is in dire straits after Hurricane Maria. The plane will leave from New York City Friday, October 7th. Anyone who wishes to contribute additional items to the mission can do so at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City.

Jay-Z: Bam Featuring Damian

Marley Official Video

[youtube id="nXXxUNJ23uk"] Jay-Z and Damian Marley walk around Jamaica and talk about the role of the artist in the video for "Bam." They are joined by Sister Nancy, the writer and performer of "Bam Bam" and she shares her belief in the timelessness of good music. Young Guru sits in the studio with Jay-Z and makes the connection between reggae and hip-hop.