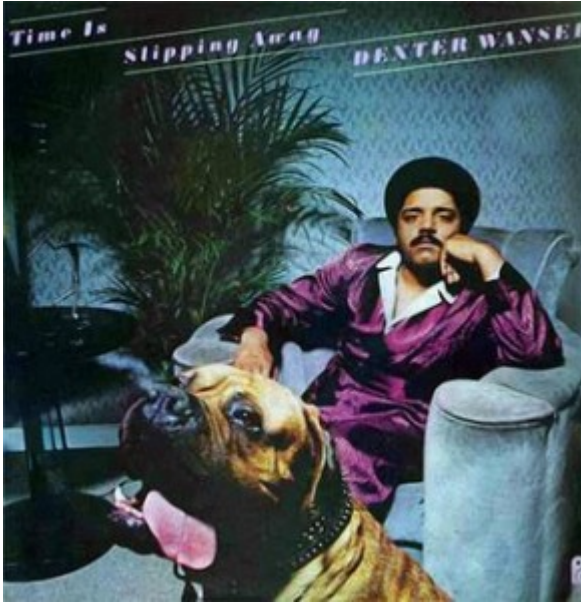


Throwback: Dexter Wansel - The Sweetest Pain



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Dexter Wansel is a songwriter/arranger/producer/recording artist from Philadelphia. He was a contributor to the Philadelphia sound crafted by Gamble & Huff. His keyboard playing, arranging and songwriting can be heard in the music of Teddy Pendergrass, The Intruders and The O'Jays. As a songwriter he co-wrote ["Nights Over Egypt"](#) for The Jones Girls and Patti Labelle's ["If You Only Knew."](#) Between 1976 and 1979 he recorded three solo albums for the Philadelphia International label. "The Sweetest Pain" is a duet of Wansel and Jean Carne from his 1979 album *Time Is Slipping Away*. British R&B group Loose Ends covered the tune for their *Zagora* album in 1986. Wansel is credited with being one of the artists to bring esoteric ideas about space and the cosmos to R&B music with songs like ["Life On Mars"](#) and ["Theme From The Planets."](#) *Digital Groove World* from 2004 was Wansel's last recording. Hip-hop producer Pop Wansel, who has produced songs for Nicki Minaj, Big Sean and Trey Songz is his son.