

R.I.P. Don Blackman

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Jazz-funk pianist and songwriter Don Blackman passed from Cancer yesterday in his native New York. Blackman is mostly known for “Holding You, Loving You,” [“Heart’s Desire”](#) and [“Since You Been Away So Long”](#) from his 1982 Arista solo album. He started his career as a teenager playing with jazz saxophonist Charles McPherson before briefly working with Parliament Funkadelic, Earth, Wind & Fire and Roy Ayers. As a member of Lenny White’s Twennynine he wrote [“Peanut Butter”](#) and [“Morning Sunrise.”](#) Blackman later worked as a session musician for Sting, Tupac, David Sanborn, Bernard Wright, Najee and Janet Jackson. The musician was [recently filmed](#) talking about the upcoming album from Detroit jazz artist Brandon Williams.