

Throwback: Amel Larrieux-For Real



[youtube id="8kN-QJXhu7I"] Amel Larrieux's *Blackbird* was her second solo album after breaking away from the successful duo Groove Theory in 1998. "For Real" attracted comparisons to Minnie Riperton because of Larrieux's use of the whistle register. The easygoing song about love was the popular single from the album and had an association with BET's *Midnight Love* TV show because of how often they played it. The lyrics were just as captivating as Larrieux's sound with words describing how she could "live on your smile" that were poetic, comforting and the definition of love. Larrieux's most recent solo work is her 2013 album *Ice Cream Everyday*.