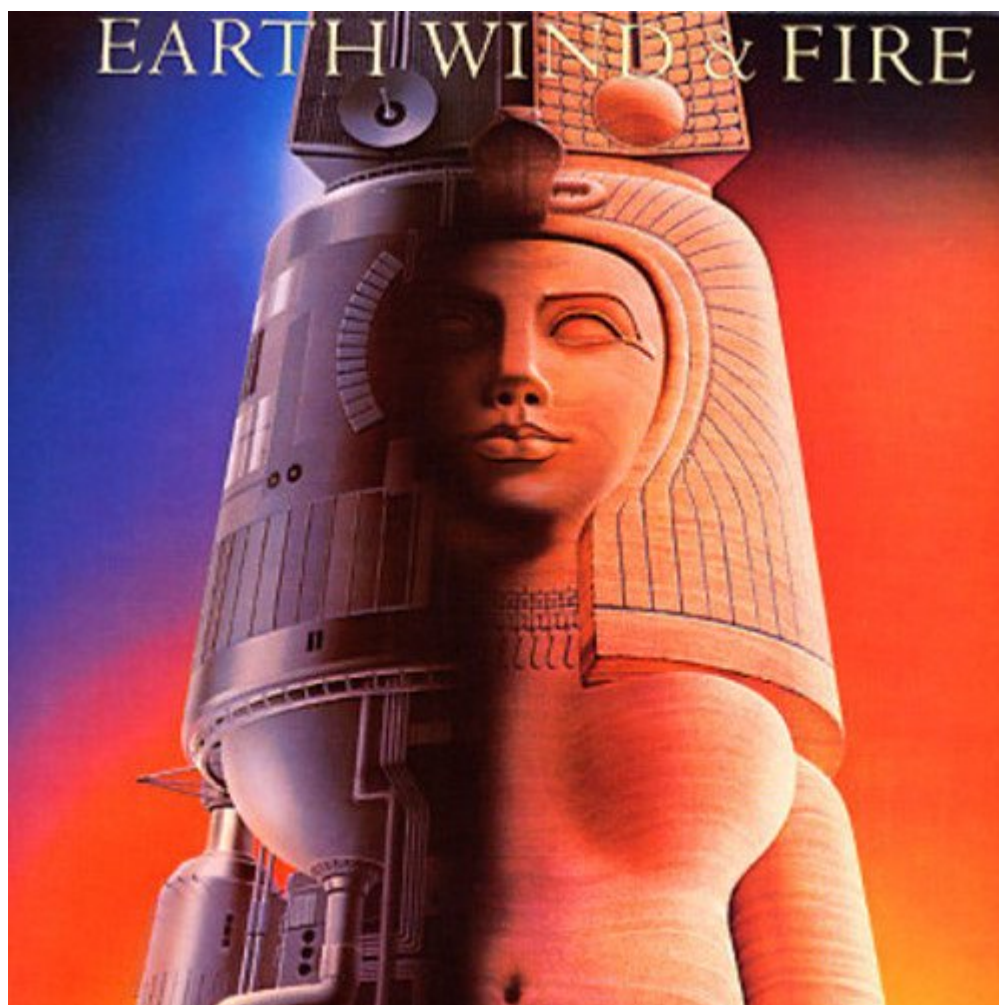


Throwback: Earth, Wind & Fire Fire-Let's Groove



Earth, Wind & Fire revived their disco sound with funk to make dance music in 1981 and "Let's Groove" was born and made the first single from their 11th album *Raise*. Maurice White co-wrote, produced and sang lead on the song that started the party with a vocoder on the introduction and became more intense with explosive horns. The band had done disco before on previous songs like "Getaway" and "Boogie Wonderland" but "Let's Groove" was different because of the electronic and funk elements. The video would become the first one played on BET's Video Soul and later provided inspiration for Bruno Mars' "Treasure" video. "Let's Groove" sat at the top of the charts, was Grammy-nominated and became one of the band's most

renowned songs. *Raise* was Earth, Wind & Fire's strongest album of the '80s. Maurice White passed in 2016 at the age of 74 after battling Parkinson's disease for years. Earth, Wind & Fire has released 21 studio albums over their four-decade career with their 2014 *Holiday* album being their most recent.Â

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In Memoriam: 2016



In 2016, several music icons passed and it seemed like the deaths would not end until the very end of the year. Icons like Prince and David Bowie who commanded the pop landscape for 40 years were gone suddenly and unexpectedly. Sharon Jones was just beginning to gain more recognition before passing of Cancer after a two-year fight. Many music fans are just happy for 2016 to be over after experiencing so much loss. The sadness from the passing of so many important voices is only assuaged by the fact that each artist has an immortal influence through their work.

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What kind of presidency is America headed for with Donald Trump?



Why did so many musical greats die in 2016?

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Was it really outrageous for Beyonce to use her time at the Superbowl halftime show to bring awareness to Black Lives Matter and The Black Panthers?



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Will there be a live tribute to Maurice White and Natalie Cole at The Grammy's this year?