

Throwback: Eighties Ladies - Turned On To You



[youtube id="7uPn9HrQSgA"] Slyvia Striplin, Marva Hicks, Susan Beaubian, Vivian Prince and DenieÂ Corbett were The Eighties Ladies. Roy Ayers and Edwin Birdsong produced their album *Ladies Of The Eighties* which was recorded with Ayers' band. The group was anÂ all-woman version of Ayers' style much like Prince and Vanity 6 and Rick James's Mary Jane Girls. None of the songs were charted hits but the album became a collector's item and very popular among DJs. "Turned On To You" is considered a classic on London's rare groove scene and a throwback for R&B fans who remember it. Marva Hicks had success as a backup vocalist and Striplin's "Give Me Your Love" and "You Can't Turn Me Away" were also recognized by

rare groove fans and sampled by hip-hop producers. Erykah Badu covered “You Can’t Turn Me Away” on her *New Amerykah Part Two* album.

Throwback: Sylvia Striplin- Give Me Your Love



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Sylvia Striplin was a vocalist with Norman Connors' Aquarian Dream band for two albums in 1978 and 1980. She connected with Roy Ayers after leaving Aquarian Dream and recorded with his Eighties Ladies project. The quintet of vocalists included Striplin, Marva Hicks, Susan Beaubian, Vivian Prince and Denie Corbett. Their 1980 album *Ladies Of The Eighties* produced the club classics [“Turned On To You”](#) and [“I Knew That Love.”](#) Ayers helped Striplin release her 1981 album *Give Me Your Love* on the Uno Melodic label. The project was not a chartbuster but

the single "Give Me Your Love" became a club hit and "You Can't Turn Me Away" became famous later because it was sampled for the Junior M.A.F.I.A. song "Get Money."