

Throwback: Prince-17 Days

Prince's "17 Days" was the B-side to the 12-inch version of "When Doves Cry" from his 1984 breakthrough album *Purple Rain*. There was no other way to own "17 Days" before the release of The Hits/The B-Sides box set released in 1993. Wendy Melvoin, Lisa Coleman and Matthew Fink (Dr. Fink) of Prince's band The Revolution wrote "17 Days" with Prince. A stripped-down gospel-inspired version of ["17 Days"](#) appears on the posthumous *Piano & A Microphone 1983* that was approved by Prince's estate in 2018. The original version was a part of Prince's prolific creativity during the '80s and subsequently, there were several B-Sides just as favored as the radio hits. The lyrics about the loneliness of losing a romantic relationship were sad but the upbeat tempo and catchiness of Wendy and Lisa's background vocals took the sting out of the message. However, the 2018 release, which came from Prince's famous vault of music, hit the heartstrings harder because you can hear that he really is alone crafting the song. Prince's third posthumous album *Welcome 2 America* will be released on July 30, 2021.



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Watch: Prince's Posthumous Video For Manic Monday

[youtube id="WnPX-uI7ivM"]Prince was at the highest point in his career in 1984 with the success of *Purple Rain* the movie and album. His creativity produced a lot of music and "Manic

Monday” was one of the songs that he gave to another artist, in this case, The Bangles. His estate has released unseen archived footage of Prince and The Revolution rehearsing for the Purple Rain tour for his demo of “Manic Monday.” Fans can see how hard Prince worked before a stage show and how well he rehearsed the band. “Manic Monday” is on the just-released Originals album which features Prince’s versions of songs before he gave them to The Time, Apollonia 6 and more. Susanna Hoffs of The Bangles is one of the artists to speak with [Billboard](#) about recording one of Prince’s songs from [Originals](#).

The Prince Estate Reveals Original Version Of Nothing Compares 2 U

[youtube id="cpGA0azFdCs"] Sinead O’ Connor popularized Prince’s “Nothing Compares 2 U” when she made it a hit song in 1990. But hardcore Prince fans were already familiar with the song because of its first appearance on The Family’s 1985 debut album. The Family was another band Prince wrote the music and created the image for in the ’80s. In this video, Prince and The Revolution rehearse at a warehouse in Eden Prairie, Minnesota for the Purple Rain tour in 1984 as the original version of “Nothing Compares 2 U” plays in the background. The rehearsal shows Prince in his prime dancing and playing and making it all seem so easy while wearing high heels.

Listen To Prince's Father's Song From The Purple Rain Deluxe Edition



Prince's deluxe edition of the *Purple Rain* album is coming out June 23rd and "Father's Song" is one of the extra 11 songs on the tracklisting. The two-disc version will include the unreleased material and the three-disc version of the album will also have the *Prince and the Revolution Live!* concert.