

When The Music Lost It's Message

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Marvin Gaye did it, Michael Jackson did it. John Lennon did it. A host of other true artists have done it as well. The O'Jays even hipped you to it. How many of you remember when every other song on the radio had a message hidden somewhere in the lyrics? Can you recall the first time you heard "Man In The Mirror" and you said to yourself "I have to take a look at myself and make a change"? Or what about when you first heard Marvin say "What's Going On?" Didn't those "message" songs really move you?

From Public Enemy to Elton John, for as far back as I could recall these artists, somewhere in the depths of their lovemaking and partying, dancing and singing, boldly placed some thought provoking tunes on their albums.

In this day and age, (as if everything IS alright), artists have lost focus on what really matters to those consumers who stand in line to support them and buy their records or to the millions of people who have been displaced by hurricanes, the economy, death and so much more. Yes people want to hear a good party tune sometime, but they also want to hear someone tell them it's going to be alright.

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