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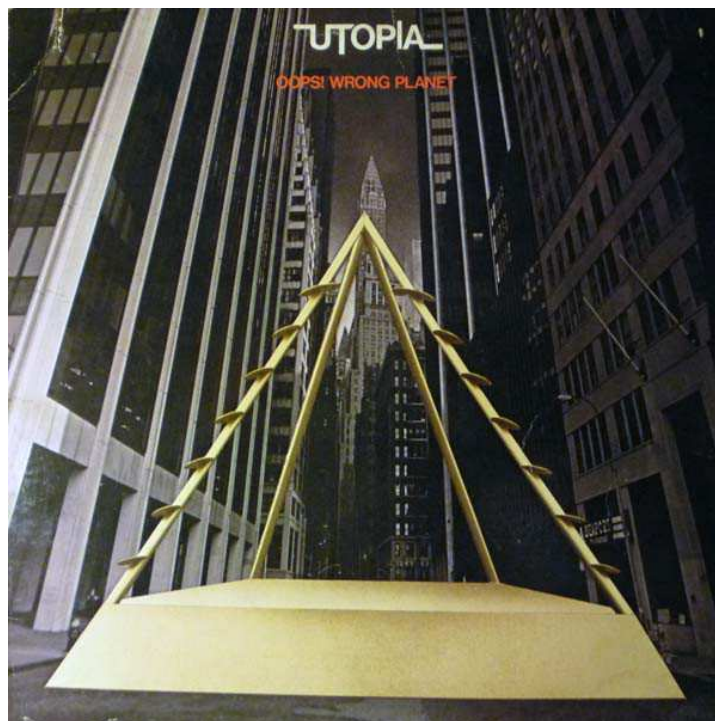
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TUNES WEEKLY - Great Songs Of Brotherly Love!  
(Part Two)

Is the 24-hour news cycle stressing you out? When all the news seems to be bad, I always turn to music. This is a list of songs that celebrate love for our fellow man, no matter what color, creed or political persuasion. They are timeless. Let's feel good as we celebrate part two of The Great Songs of Brotherly Love!



***"Love Is The Answer" - Utopia (with Todd Rundgren) (1977)***

*And when you feel afraid (love one another)  
When you've lost your way (love one another)  
When you're all alone (love one another)  
When you're far from home (love one another)  
When you're down and out (love one another)  
All your hope's run out (love one another)  
When you need a friend (love one another)  
When you're near the end  
We got to love, we got to love one another*

*No one can write a sincere, meaningful pop tune quite like Todd Rundgren and this one is a goodie. England Dan & John Ford Coley had a top-ten hit with "Love Is The Answer" in 1979, but I prefer Rundgren & Utopia's original 1977 rendition. It is one of the best love-thy-neighbor songs on our list and I never tire of it. I do believe it's another Todd Rundgren classic.*

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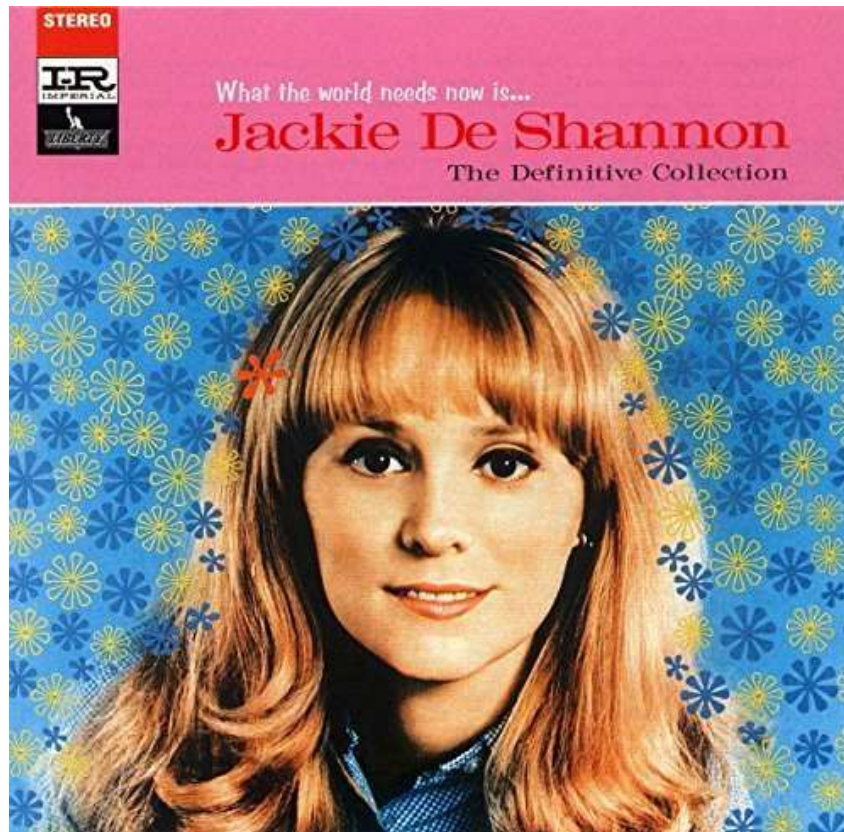
## **"That's The Way Of The World" - Earth, Wind & Fire (1975)**

*You will find peace of mind  
If you look way down in your heart and soul  
Don't hesitate 'cause the world seems cold  
Stay young at heart, 'cause you're never, never old*

Maurice White called this song Earth, Wind & Fire's "national anthem" and it's easy to see why; their music was chock full of messages and meaning about positive vibes, and always uplifting. "That's The Way Of The World" became their breakthrough work, resulting in Earth, Wind & Fire becoming the first African-American group to top both the US single and album charts.

*We've come together on this special day to sing our message loud and clear.* It gets no better than this.

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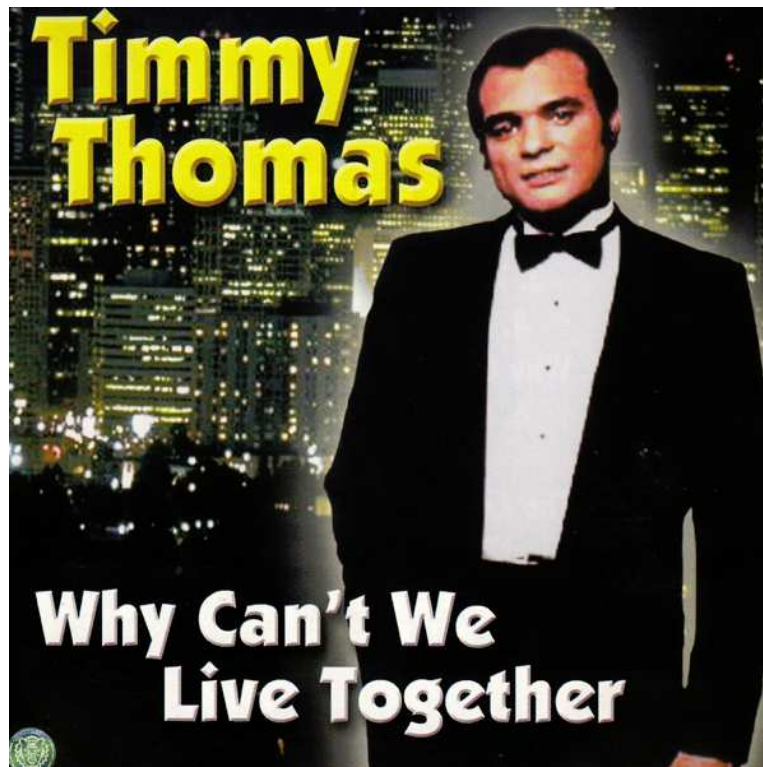


## **"What The World Needs Now" - Jackie DeShannon (1965)**

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love  
It's the only thing that there's just too little of  
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,  
No, not just for some but for everyone.*

Burt Bacharach and Hal David's musical gift to the world has been thrilling us for over fifty years. Its simple message continues to mean so much to so many. In the U.S. it peaked at number seven on the Hot-100, but was number one in Canada. Bacharach has opened and closed his shows with it ever since. It came after JFK's assassination; it came during the Cold War; it came amid the tension of the passing of the Civil Rights Act; it came with Vietnam raging. It was a healing salve for America's wounded psyche. It still is.

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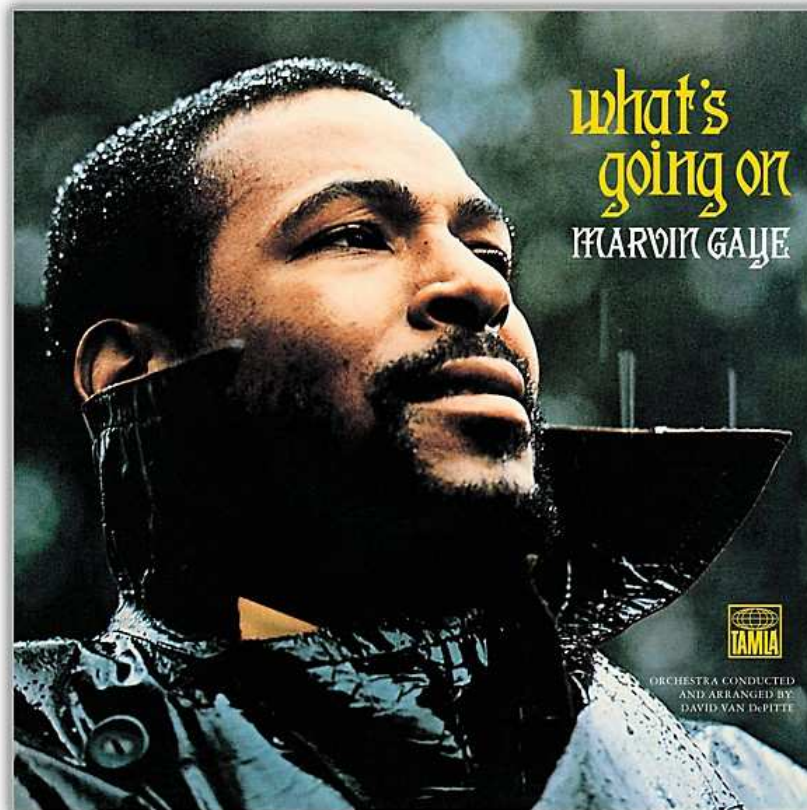
"Why Can't We Live Together" - Timmy Thomas (1972)

*No matter, no matter what color*

*You are still my brother*

This tune is a model of simplicity. It was recorded with just a Lowrey organ, a cheesy rhythm machine and Timmy Thomas's soulful vocal. It was meant to be re-recorded with a full band, but ultimately, it was decided to release it as it was. It went on to sell two million copies and was Timmy Thomas's only hit single. He wrote it one night after watching a news report on the number of casualties in Vietnam that day. His call for universal tolerance is still just as relevant today as it was in 1972.

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**"What's Going On" - Marvin Gaye (1971)**

*Father, father  
We don't need to escalate  
You see, war is not the answer*

*For only love can conquer hate*

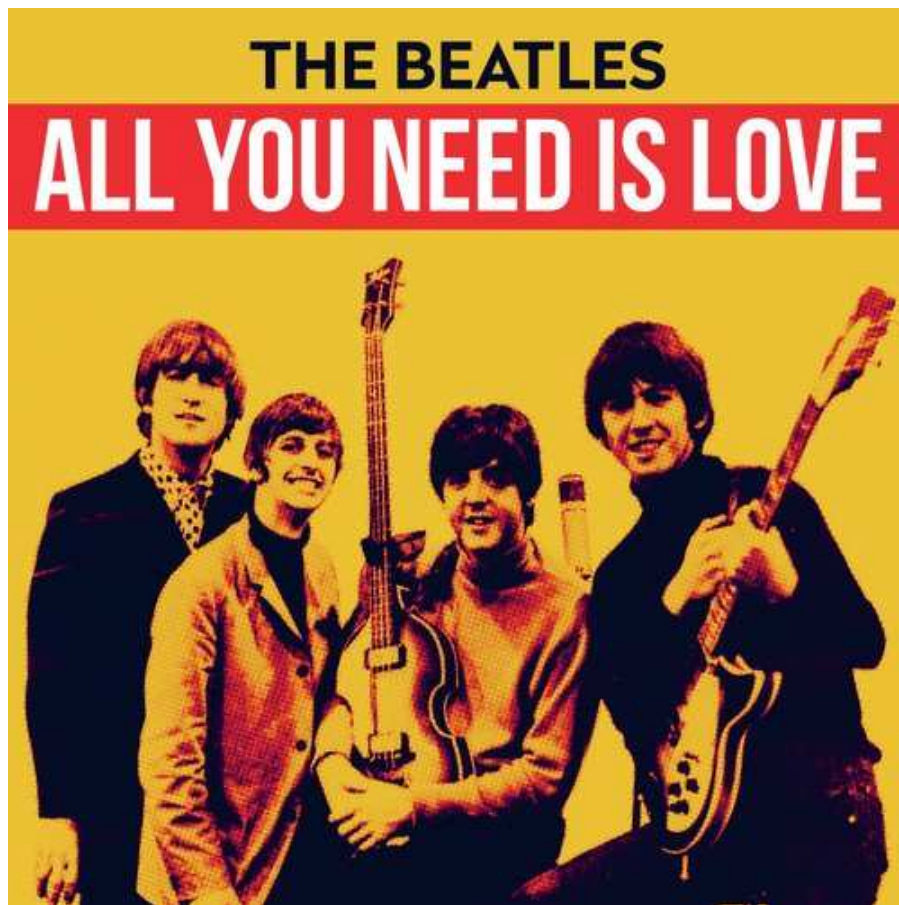
"What's Going On" was a game changer for Marvin Gaye. Inspired by a police brutality incident, it marked a departure from romantic love in his music. It sounds gritty, urban and real, and is as relevant today as it was the day it was written. Berry Gordy hated it and called it "the worst record I've ever heard." Gaye threatened to permanently stop recording and it was eventually released without Gordy's knowledge. Rolling Stone calls it the number four greatest song of all time. Gaye's personal life was in turmoil at the time and Gaye told biographer David Ritz, "If I was arguing for peace, I knew I'd have to find peace in my heart." Marvin Gaye's lyrical outpouring did not go unnoticed; "What's Going On" was the first-ever Motown album to have all the songs' lyrics printed on the inner sleeve.

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**"All You Need Is Love" - The Beatles (1967)**

*All you need is love  
All you need is love  
All you need is love, love  
Love is all you need*

Our list appropriately ends with The Beatles' simple sentiment, "All You Need Is Love." It was released as a non-album single in July of 1967 and was Britain's contribution to *Our World*, the first live global television link. The lyrics were deliberately simplistic to allow for the show's international audience. The Beatles' simple singalong to peace and love, whether one thinks of it as naive or not, put a bow on sixties ideals and helped unify love into a global concept. Fantastic.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5MMbWn2a\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5MMbWn2a_Y)

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