



# Sam Cooke

# Bring It On Home to Me

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If you ever change your mind  
About leavin', leavin' me behind, whoaaa  
Bring it to me, bring your sweet lovin'  
Bring it on home to me  
Yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah)

I know I laughed when you left  
But now I know, I only hurt myself, baby  
Bring it to me, bring your sweet lovin'  
Bring it on home to me  
Yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah)

I'll give you jewelry, and money too  
That ain't all, that ain't all I'd do for you, if you'd  
Bring it to me, bring your sweet lovin'  
Bring it on home to me  
Yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah)

You know I'll always be your slave  
Till I'm buried, buried in my grave. oh honey  
Bring it to me, bring your sweet lovin'  
Bring it on home to me  
Yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah)

I think I try to treat you right  
But you stayed out, stayed out late at night, but I forgive you  
Bring it to me, bring your sweet lovin'  
Bring it on home to me  
Yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah) yeah (yeah) ...fade

Considered by many to be the definitive R&B soul singer, Sam Cooke blended sensuality and spirituality, sophistication and soul, movie-idol looks and gospel-singer poise. A versatile singer who never really settled on a style, Cooke tackled everything from sophisticated balladry and lighthearted pop to finger-popping rock and roll and raw, raspy rhythm & blues.

1957 "You Send Me," becomes the #1 song in the country. It was the first of 29 Top Forty hits!

1959 Sam Cooke's "Only Sixteen," and "Everybody Likes to Cha Cha Cha," reach the charts

1960 "Chain Gang" hits #2 on the R&B chart with "Young Blood"  
He hits #2 on both the pop and R&B charts, his second million-selling single  
1961 Sam hits #17 with "Cupid"

1962 He hits #1 on the R&B charts with "Twistin the Night Away." Then, one of the great double-sided 45s of the rock and roll era, "Bring It On Home to Me" backed with "Having a Party," is released. Both are huge R&B hits (#2 and #4, respectively)

1963 "Another Saturday Night" goes to #10  
December 11, 1964 Sam Cooke is shot to death at the age of 33 in South Los Angeles.

Over 200,000 fans show up to pay their respects.

1965 Another epic single, "Shake" b/w "A Change Is Gonna Come" is released posthumously. The latter, a civil-rights song, is considered his greatest composition.

January 1986 Sam Cooke is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at it's very first induction ceremony