

Edwin Moses

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Love Turns You Upside
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Concept soul album based on Edwin Moses' songs; a mythical Spanish soul man, not the Olympic champion.

Edwin Moses, so legend has it, was a member of the Panafrican League, imprisoned for speaking out against racism, a devoted Muslim, "a rebel who plays by his own rules", the possessor of a voice every bit the equal of his contemporaries Curtis Mayfield and Leroy Hutson... in essence, the ultimate in 'soul rebel' outsider chic. In reality Edwin Moses are a collective from Spain, centred on the talents of producers/arrangers Pedro Vigil and Luigi Navarro and the mesmerising vocal skill of Pablo RA. Together they replicate Moses' supposed creations. While lacking the lyrical intensity one might expect from a political agitator – most of the songs are tales of bitter-sweet love – they are impeccably delivered, be it the tortured lament *Holding Back For Sorrow*, the elated optimism of *(I'm Feeling) So Much Better* or the flute-led acid jazz of *Summertime (In India)*.

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