

I Heard It Through the Grapevine (1966)

... is a song written by Norman Whitfield and Barrett Strong for Motown Records in 1966. The first recording was by Gladys Knight & the Pips in 1967. Marvin Gaye recorded it in 1968 and it was a great success. Today, it is officially listed as one of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time". The song was also recorded by Creedence Clearwater Revival in 1970. The lyrics tell the story of the singer's feelings of betrayal and disbelief when he hears of his girlfriend's infidelity, indirectly - "through the grapevine".

Gladys Knight & The Pips (1967): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWvwP72FuVg>

Marvin Gaye (1968): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hajBdDM2qdg>

Creedence Clearwater Revival (1970): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCCfc2vAuDU>

Creedence Clearwater Revival version:

Ooh - bet you're wondering how I knew
About your plans to make me blue
With some other guy that you knew before.
Between the two of us guys, you know I love you more.
It took me by surprise, I must say, when I found out yesterday.

Chorus: Ooh - I heard it through the grapevine,
Not much longer would you be mine.
Ooh - I heard it through the grapevine
And I'm just about to lose my mind,
Honey, honey, yeah.

You know that a man ain't supposed to cry,
But these tears I can't hold inside,
Losing you would end my life, you see,
Because you mean that much to me.
You could have told me yourself that you found someone else.
Instead ...

[Chorus]

People say you hear from what you see,
Not not not from what you hear.
I can't help being confused.
If it's true, won't you tell me, dear?
Do you plan to let me go
For the other guy that you knew before?

[Chorus] x 2

