

I can't cover up my feelings
In the name of love
Or play it safe
For a while that was easy

And if living for myself
Is what I'm guilty of
Go on and sentence me
I'll still be free

It's my turn
To see what I can see
I hope you'll understand
This time's just for me

Because it's my turn
With no apologies
I've given up the truth
To those I've tried to please

But now it's my turn
If I don't have all the answers
At least I know
I'll take my share of chances
Ain't no use of holding of
When nothing stays the same

So I'll let it rain
Cause the rain ain't gonna hurt me
And I'll let you go

Though I know it won't be easy

It's my turn

With no more room for lies

For years I'd seen my life

Through someone else's eyes

And now it's my turn

To try and find my way

And if I should get lost

At least I'll own today

It's my turn

Yes, it's my turn

And there ain't no use in holding of

When nothing stays the same

So I'll let it rain

Cause the rain ain't gonna hurt me

And I'll let you go

Though I know it won't be easy

It's my turn

To see what I can see

I hope you'll understand

This time's just for me

Because it's my turn

To turn and say goodbye

I sure would like to know

That you're still on my side

Because it's my turn

It's my turn

It's my turn

To start from number one

Trying to undo

Some damage that's been done

But now it's my turn
To reach and touch the sky
No one's gonna say
At least I didn't try

It's my turn
Yes, it's my turn

It's my turn
It's my turn
It's my turn

1Embed

About

Song Bio1 contributor

“It’s My Turn” was the theme song to the 1980 film “It’s My Turn”.

The song peaked at #9 on the Billboard Hot 100, #9 on Billboard’s Adult Contemporary chart and #14 on Billboard’s R&B chart, staying on the chart for 15 weeks in 1981.

Share

Q&A

Find answers to frequently asked questions about the song and explore its deeper meaning

Ask a question

Who produced “It's My Turn” by [name held]?

When did [name held] release “It's My Turn”?

Who wrote “It's My Turn” by [name held]?

[name held] Anthology (1986 Edition) (1986)

[name held]

- 1.

Reach Out and Touch (Somebody’s Hand)

- 2.

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

- 3.

Remember Me

- 4.

Reach Out I'll Be There

- 5.

Surrender

- 6.

I'm Still Waiting

- 7.

Good Morning Heartache

- 8.

Touch Me in the Morning

- 9.

You're a Special Part of Me

- 10.

Last Time I Saw Him

- 11.

My Mistake (Was to Love You)

- 12.

Sleepin'

- 13.

Sorry Doesn't Always Make It Right

- 14.

Theme from Mahogany (Do You Know Where You're Going To)

- 15.

I Thought It Took a Little Time (But Today I Fell in Love)

- 16.

One Love in My Lifetime

- 17.

Baby, I Love Your Way

- 18.

Young Mothers

- 19.

Medley: Brown Baby/Save the Children

- 20.

Love Hangover

- 21.

Gettin' Ready for Love

- 22.

Your Love Is So Good for Me

- 23.

You Got It

- 24.

Top of the World

- 25.

Lovin', Livin' & Givin'

- 26.

What You Gave Me

- 27.

The Boss

- 28.

It's My House

- 29.

Upside Down

- 30.

I'm Coming Out

- 31.

It's My Turn

- 32.

One More Chance

- 33.

Cryin' My Heart Out for You

- 34.

My Old Piano

- 35.

My Man

- 36.

Endless Love

- 37.

Imagine

- 38.

Too Shy to Say

Expand

Credits

Released on

September 29, 1980

Producer

Michael Masser

Writers

Carole Bayer Sager & Michael Masser

It's My Turn Covers

It's My Turn by Aretha Franklin

Tags

R&B

Comments

Add a comment

Sign Up And Drop Knowledge 🧠

Genius is the ultimate source of music knowledge, created by scholars like you who share facts and insight about the songs and artists they love.

Sign Up

\$16

Cycling Running Hiking Sports Sunglasses Polarized Unisex

\$16

Buy now

\$4

Fashion Men's Casual Floral Print Special-interest Design Sh...

\$4

Buy now

\$50

Pro Standard New York Knicks Men Hoodie Black

\$50

[Buy now](#)

\$170

ONE-S Vinyl Record Player with Bluetooth Input/Output

\$170

[Buy now](#)

\$1,000

Fat joes terror squad air force 1s

\$1,000

[Buy now](#)

\$65

Jordan Mens Sz 13 Air Jordan Flight Remix High Top Basketbal...

\$65

[Buy now](#)

Sell your gear & get listed here!

FROM THE WEBSenior Dating Starts With Mature WomenSite where feeling shy is normal.(thisromance.com)

FROM THE WEBWomen Over 50 Are Dating ActivelySite where feeling shy is normal. (dateromances.com)

Genius is the world’s biggest collection of song lyrics and musical knowledge

About GeniusContributor GuidelinesPressShopAdvertisePrivacy Policy

Privacy Preferences

Do Not Sell My Personal Information

LicensingJobsDevelopersCopyright PolicyContact UsSecuritySign In

© 2026 ML Genius Holdings, LLC

Terms of Use

VERIFIED ARTISTS

ALL ARTISTS:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ#

HOT SONGS:

DOWN 4 MY N’SMAKE ’EM SAY UHH!BITCH PLEASEHOW YA DO DATLAY
LOWVIEW ALL