

I Love to Sing! Do You?

Q: Dear Queen Gabby,
So, my white friend hit me with that question: "Are you ready to date outside your race?" I paused for a second, gave her a look, and said, "Nah, I'm holding out for my Black King." She laughed and hit me with, "Don't hold your breath."

Offended? Yes. But I also slightly agreed.

Whew. Dating is a journey. How about you — are you holding out, too, or have you widened the royal pool a bit?

~ Patient, Like Job

Dear Patient, Like Job,

I'm holding on like Jack was holding on to that door frame in the movie Titanic! I have never gotten to the point where I have given up on Black men. Every time I get into a failed relationship, I just become more resilient in love. I knock anyone who believes in the interracial thing; it's just not for me. I'm into the culture, and I need someone who shares the same values. I attract all ethnicities of men, but Black men make me feel more comfortable. Only you know what's best for you, but I promise you, all Black men aren't bad. We keep meeting the bad ones.

~ Queen Gabby

Dear Queen Gabby,

Queen Gabby, I love to sing. Now, I'm not saying I'm good at it — in fact, I'm pretty sure the shampoo bottles in my shower have filed a noise complaint — but it relaxes me!

Some of my go-to songs are "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney (yes, I try to hit those notes), "Through the Fire" by Chaka Khan (pray for my vocal cords), and "A House Is Not a Home" — but only Big Luther, never Little Luther.

What about you? What are some of your favorite songs you like to sing to yourself when nobody's listening ... or even when they are?

~ Sing Sing / Not the Jail

Dear Sing Sing / Not the Jail,

I have a few, and no one can tell me that I wasn't in the studio putting in that work with the original artist. I am a gospel girlie, so please hit me with Marvin Sapp's "Praise Him in Advance" and "That's What I Believe" by Donny McClurkin. Now, I can sing some Lauryn Hill any day of the week. The whole album, actually, and I won't miss one word. In my neo-soul vibe, I like Musiq Soulchild's "Love" and "Don't Change." Whitney stole my heart with "I'm Your Baby Tonight" and "Your Love is My Love - The remix with Wyclef." The whole "Kingdom Come" soundtrack bangs, and a little Mary J. Blige ain't steered me wrong, either. A peculiar obsession of mine is singing Tina Turner songs. You can't tell me I wasn't in "What's Love Got to do With It." Don't even get me started on rapping - haha!

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