

Sheila Ferguson

"Please Don't Take"

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[CHORUS fades in:]

Although we're worlds apart
You're all I need in my heart ever
You're the blood, the flesh, the purity
My every breath I breathe for you

You people know what I'm talking about
I'm talking about falling in love with an older man
An older married man.
Oh dear
He said to me one day, uh "Gus, you're a bad broad
And I would make you a star"
Then one day, walking down Green Street
and Park Lane in London,
He turned me and said, "Gus, I've done what I
promised
Now you're gonna find out the hard thing
as it was your hard thing."
He said "It's easy as hell to get there
But it's hard as hell to stay there"

[CHORUS:]

Please don't take your sweet love from me, no
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He was an interesting man, not quite Ike Turner
But you know what I'm talking about, people.
He was strict as we called it, but the discipline
remained
And I always love him for what he did do
He took The Three Degrees to Japan
We won the Tokyo Music Festival
We were so hot that at one point,
"When Will I See You Again" was No. 1 in Japanese
It was No. 3 in English
"Dirty Ol' Man" was No. 5
"Take Good Care Of Yourself" was No. 8
I mean, The Top Ten was ours. You hear what I'm

saying?

It was, um, a very heading, a very wonderful time.

But we never took it for granted because

Where we would coming from the ghetto, everything
was a bonus

Because we've gotten into the business to make a
living

And performing, not to get hit records.

And me and my stupid self

Kenny Gamble played me "When Will I see You Again"

I got insulted and I threw a tantrum and said,

"I would never gonna sing something so simple

And it took no talent to sing that song and I am so
insulted

and blah blah blah"

Went to the studio, he did the track

Joe Tarsha mixed it, best mixer of the year, blah blah
blah.

28 million records later,

When I'm going to the studio, I do what I'm told

I don't ask questions, I'm just do what I'm told

That's why I'm on one side of the mic and on the other.

Who would ever thought in their wildest imagination

That a black chick from the ghetto from West
Philadelphia

Would wound up walking into Buckingham Palace
With the Prince of Wales?

Hello? People, that is absolutely outrageous!

Very outrageous, outrageous.

It's almost like a dream come true.

Did I sleep with him? No, I did not.

Why did I not? I didn't choose to.

Why is that so difficult for people to understand?

Hello? I do not want to be another name on his post

Or bed post, or night post, or gun or whatever y'all call
it.

I wasn't about that, no.

And also.. hey, come on. Ain't no future in it, huh.

You're gonna have a black innovator?

I don't think so.

[CHORUS:]

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Who would have thought would I have met a man

Named Kwame who came to the meeting late

And wound up being the guru

To pick the songs for Sheila to sing on this album
And he's actually put this sucker together in two weeks,
y'all.

We're talking two weeks

Three different teams working around the clock all the
time

That kind of dedicaton, and that kind of devotion
And that kind of putting something into something
Has got to reap some serious rewards.

We're going for a big okey doke as we say in America
And this is just the beginning of it.
So watch this space.

My daughters have got some of our enterpreneuralship
experiences in them.

'Cause you see, uh.. when the book came out

Them joe days were on school bus

Selling the books under the retail suggested
recommanded price

Making a profit on my books that are in my house at
home.

And when the teacher told me,

I was like, "I had laughed because they get paid by
honestly

They got it from their mama"

But um, they're good girls. I'm really proud of them.

Graduated from university, got their degrees.

I already told them I had mine.

Now we can be a new Three Degrees.

So watch this space.

I love y'all.

[CHORUS fades out:]

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