

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

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"**Ain't No Mountain High Enough**" is an [R&B/soul song](#) written by [Nickolas Ashford & Valerie Simpson](#) in 1966 for the [Tamla Motown](#) label. The composition was first successful as a 1967 hit [single](#) recorded by [Marvin Gaye](#) and [Tammi Terrell](#), becoming a hit again in 1970 when recorded by former [Supremes](#) frontwoman [Diana Ross](#). The song became Ross's first solo number-one hit on the [Billboard Hot 100](#) chart and was nominated for a [Grammy Award](#).

History

[\[edit\]](#) Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell original

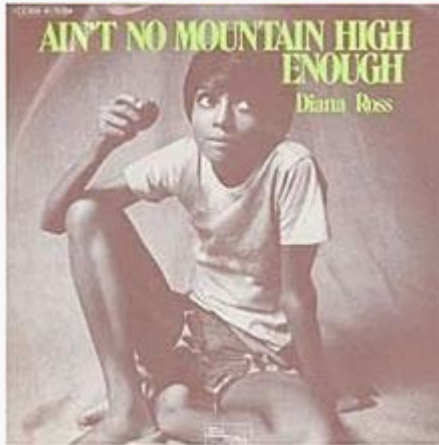
The original [1967](#) version of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" was a top twenty hit. According to record producers, Terrell was a little nervous and intimidated during recording because she hadn't rehearsed the lyrics. Terrell recorded her vocals alone with producers [Harvey Fuqua](#) and [Johnny Bristol](#), who added Gaye's vocal at a later date.^[1] "Ain't No Mountain" peaked at number nineteen on the [Billboard](#) pop charts, and went to number three on the R&B charts.

This original version of "Ain't No Mountain", produced by Fuqua and Bristol, was a care-free, danceable, and romantic love song that became the signature duet between Gaye and Terrell. Its success led to a string of more Ashford/Simpson penned duets (including "[You're All I Need to Get By](#)", "[Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing](#)", and "[Your Precious Love](#)").

The Gaye/Terrell version was inducted into the [Grammy Hall of Fame](#) in [1999](#), and is regarded today as one of the most important records ever released by Motown.

[\[edit\]](#) Diana Ross version

"Ain't No Mountain High Enough"



Single by **Diana Ross**

from the album **Diana Ross**

<u>B-side</u>	"Can't It Wait Until Tomorrow"
Released	July 16, 1970
Format	7" single
Recorded	Hitsville USA (Studio A) (Detroit, Michigan) March 13, March 14, and March 18, 1970
<u>Genre</u>	<u>Soul</u>
Length	3:32 (single edit) 6:18 (album version)
<u>Label</u>	<u>Motown</u> M 1169
<u>Producer</u>	Nickolas Ashford & Valerie Simpson
<u>Certification</u>	Platinum <u>(US)</u>

Diana Ross singles chronology		
"Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)" (1970)	"Ain't No Mountain High Enough" (1970)	"Remember Me" (1970)

After the Top 20 success of her first single, "[Reach Out and Touch \(Somebody's Hand\)](#)", Ashford and Simpson had Ross re-record "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". Initially, Ross was apprehensive, as she had previously covered the song as a member of the Supremes in a duet with The Temptations (see below). Eventually, however, she was convinced to make the recording. The cover produced a version similar to [gospel](#) with elements of [classical music](#) strings, [spoken word](#) passages from Ross, with the [Andantes](#), Jimmy Beavers, and Ashford and Simpson as backing singers giving the song a [soul](#) and gospel vocal element.

Motown chief [Berry Gordy](#) didn't like the record upon first hearing it. He hated the spoken-word passages and wanted the song to begin with the climactic chorus/bridge. It was not until radio stations nationwide were editing their own versions and adding it to their playlists that Ashford and Simpson were able to convince Gordy to release an edited three-minute version as a single. Ross' version of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" rose up to number one on both the pop and R&B singles charts^[2], and Ross received a Grammy nomination for [Best Female Pop Vocal Performance](#).

[\[edit\]](#) Notable covers

With The Supremes, Diana Ross recorded a version of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" which was more faithful to the Terrell-Gaye original version as a duet with [The Temptations](#). That song was an album cut from a joint LP released by Motown Records in [1968](#) on the two superstar groups, titled [Diana Ross & the Supremes Join The Temptations](#).

[1981](#) saw the recording by [Inner Life](#) of the underground dance classic "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", produced by [Patrick Adams](#) and [Greg Carmichael](#), remixed by [Larry Levan](#), and released on the [Salsoul](#) label. The same year saw an upbeat disco version by the [Boys Town Gang](#) who recorded it as a medley with another Ashford & Simpson song, "Remember Me". The full version of this song is nearly 14 minutes long and can be found on their album *Cruisin the Street*.

[Stacy Lattisaw](#) and [Howard Hewett](#) sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" on *Personal Attention* album in [1988](#).

Australian singer [Jimmy Barnes](#) released an album of soul covers titled *Soul Deep* in [1991](#), including his rock version of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". This cover reached #28 in [Australia](#) in [1992](#) ^[3]

In [1993](#), at the end of the film *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, [Whoopi Goldberg](#) and most of the cast of the movie, including future [neo-soul](#) superstar [Lauryn Hill](#), mixed both the Gaye/Terrell and Diana Ross solo versions of the song together for a performance of "Ain't

No Mountain" at the climax of the film. The Gaye/Terrell version also frequently turns up, often as part of a sing-along, in "feel-good" movies, such as [Remember the Titans](#) and [Stepmom](#).

In 1998, [Deborah Morgan](#) covered the song for the movie [Our Friend, Martin](#), also mixing the Gaye/Terrell and Diana Ross versions.

Former [Doobie Brother Michael McDonald](#) recorded the song as part of his *Motown* album in [2003](#). The version was used in a commercial for [MCI](#) and in the film [The 40-Year-Old Virgin](#). In 2000, KLM use the song as a commercial. In 2004, the 12 finalists of [American Idol](#) covered the song for the ensemble track for the cast album [American Idol Season 3: Greatest Soul Classics](#).

Swedish pop band [Play](#) recorded the song for their 2003 album [Replay](#). This version appeared in the trailer for the [2006](#) film [Last Holiday](#).

In 2006, Australian vocal group [Human Nature](#) included a cover on the second album of their Motown trilogy, [Dancing in the Street: the Songs of Motown II](#). The album debuted at #1 on the ARIA charts.

In 2006, [Eva Avila](#) performed this song on the fourth season of [Canadian Idol](#) during the last round of the semi-finals. Avila went on to win the competition.

In 2006, [Amy Winehouse](#) recorded the song "[Tears Dry On Their Own](#)" for her album [Back to Black](#), which keeps the chord progression, arrangement and instrumentation of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough", but which contains a different melody and different, original lyrics written by Winehouse.

A duet between [Eddie Money](#) & his daughter [Jesse Money](#) is featured on his 2007 cover album [Wanna Go Back](#).

Portions of the Diana Ross version were sampled on the [Jessica Simpson](#) single "[A Public Affair](#)".

In an episode of [The Steve Harvey Show](#), Lydia performs the song towards the end of [Booker T. Washington](#) High School's graduation ceremony.

In 2009, [Lionel Richie](#) and [Stefanie Heinzmann](#) performed the song live in the German music award show [Echo 2009](#)^[4].

- [Liste der Nummer-eins-Hits in den USA \(1970\)](#)

Diana Ross : Ain't No Mountain High Enough. 3 Wochen (19. September - 3. Oktober) Neil Diamond : Cracklin' Rosie. 1 Woche (10. Oktober) ...

4 KB (441 Wörter) - 09:50, 29. Jan. 2011

- [Jimmy Barnes](#)

Singles: 1992 | Ain't No Mountain High Enough 28 – – – | 1992 | Simply the Best (mit Tina Turner) 14 – – – | 1993 | Sweat It Out 11 ...

16 KB (1.332 Wörter) - 18:20, 20. Okt. 2010

- [Songs of the Century](#)

140 | Ain't No Mountain High Enough | Marvin Gaye / Tammi Terrell | 141 | Piano Man | Billy Joel | 142 | Joy to the World | Three Dog ...

24 KB (2.584 Wörter) - 21:45, 13. Mär. 2011

- [Echoverleihung 2009](#)

und gemeinsam mit Stefanie Heinzmann („Ain't No Mountain High Enough“), Michael Mittermeier (Stand-Up-Comedy), Razorlight (mit „Wire ...

11 KB (1.247 Wörter) - 16:23, 15. Okt. 2010

- [The Rounder Girls](#)

Diskografie Alben : 1998: Ain't No Mountain High Enough. 1999: Songs from the Film and Others. 2000: All to You. 2001: La dolce vita (Sweet Life) ...

1 KB (148 Wörter) - 18:35, 10. Jan. 2011

- [Gegen jede Regel](#)

Der Titelsong ist "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" von Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell . Kritiken: eher ein herkömmlicher Sportfilm denn ein ...

4 KB (421 Wörter) - 19:16, 14. Mär. 2011

- [Diana Ross](#)

Singles : 1970 Ain't No Mountain High Enough-6 1 | 1970 Remember Me-7 16 | 1971 Reach Out I'll Be There-29 | 1971 I'm Still Waiting-1 63 | ...

41 KB (2.837 Wörter) - 19:25, 13. Mär. 2011

- [Mark Brain](#)

Sunset People - Dreaming ain't enough (Mark Brain & Meirich ... 2000 - The Groove Town Gang - Ain't no mountain high enough (Mark Brain & Tom ...

4 KB (517 Wörter) - 16:28, 4. Feb. 2010

- [Marvin Gaye](#)

1966" Ain't No Mountain High Enough (feat. Tammi Terrell)-19 | 1967 Your Unchanging Love-33 | 1967 Your Precious Love (feat. Tammi Terrell ...

27 KB (2.019 Wörter) - 17:09, 19. Mär. 2011

- [Tammi Terrell](#)

Singles mit Marvin Gaye : 1967: "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" 19 US. 1967: "Your Precious Love" 5 US. 1967: "If I Could Build My Whole World ...

10 KB (1.412 Wörter) - 16:15, 21. Feb. 2011

- [Stefanie Heinzmann](#)

Februar 2009 präsentierte Stefanie Heinzmann den Motown -Klassiker Ain't No Mountain High Enough in einem Duett mit Lionel Richie und ...

26 KB (3.005 Wörter) - 22:36, 25. Feb. 2011

- [Fender Precision Bass](#)

Isolierte Tonspuren des Musikstücks Ain't No Mountain High Enough, nur mit E-Bass und Schlagzeug. (Adobe Flash erforderlich. ...

31 KB (3.780 Wörter) - 14:38, 8. Mär. 2011

- [Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever](#)

Ablauf | : Diana Ross | Ain't No Mountain High Enough | (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch), My Girl, Ain't Too Proud to Beg, I Can't Get Next to You | ...

7 KB (898 Wörter) - 13:27, 9. Mär. 2011

- [Uriel Jones](#)

Jones Schlagzeugspiel war durch seinen Sound geprägt, der vor allem in Liedern wie Ain't No Mountain High Enough oder I Heard It Through ...

2 KB (211 Wörter) - 13:20, 1. Mär. 2010

- [Lips \(Computerspiel\)](#)

Ain't No Mountain High Enough | Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell 05 | Februar | 2010 | Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing | Marvin Gaye & ...

48 KB (5.869 Wörter) - 21:59, 26. Feb. 2011

- [Grand Prix der Chöre](#)

Schleswig-Holstein (Elmshorn) | Young Spirits Gospel Choir | Ain't no mountain high enough | 9,2 % | 5. | Saarland (Friedrichsthal ...

5 KB (593 Wörter) - 17:46, 25. Aug. 2010

- [Himmel und Huhn](#)

Filmmusik : Ain't No Mountain High Enough“ von Diana Ross „ It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)“ von R.E.M. „ ...

11 KB (1.311 Wörter) - 22:16, 14. Mär. 2011

- [Ashford & Simpson](#)

Marvin Gaye und Tammi Terrell unter anderem die Hits Ain't No Mountain High Enough, Ain't Nothin Like the Real Thing, You're All I Need to ...

5 KB (644 Wörter) - 12:01, 4. Mär. 2011