

President Obama Sings Al Green's 'Let's Stay Together,' Sales Jump 490%

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Who knew the President would be a one-man stimulus package for the music industry?

A day after [President Obama sang a bit of Al Green's classic "Let's Stay Together"](#) from the podium at a January 19th fundraising event in Harlem, videos of the crooner-in-chief went viral on YouTube, racking up millions of views. But it wasn't just Obama's version of the song that the web's music fans sought out: according to Nielsen (via Billboard), digital download sales for Green's version of the song jumped up 490% in the period ending on January 22nd.

With 16,000 downloads, the song had its most successful online sales week since Nielsen began keeping track of web transactions in 2003. It's good news for Green's wallet, just as the President's cover was music to his ears.

"He nailed it," Green told TMZ, praising Obama's rendition. In fact, the singer was just "thrilled that the president even mentioned my name."

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