

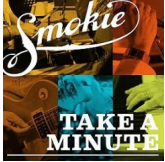
## Smokie - Take a Minute (2010)

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01. *Take A Minute* (3:55)
02. *Sally's Song (The Legacy Goes On)* (3:49)
03. *If I Can't Love You* (3:40)
04. *Let's Do It Again* (3:31)
05. *Nothing Hurts (Like A Broken Heart)* (3:20)
06. *Celtic Days* (2:56) [play](#)
07. *Friends Will Be Friends* (3:24) [play](#)
08. *The Biggest Lie* (4:17)
09. *I Don't Want To Lose You* (3:02)
10. *Can't Change The Past* (3:37)
11. *This Is What I Did* (3:31)
12. *'Til The Grass Grows Over Me* (3:29)

### Credits:

- \* Mike Craft - lead vocals, rhythm guitar
- \* Mick McConnell - lead guitar, vocals
- \* Terry Uttley - bass, vocals
- \* Steve Pinnell - drums
- \* Martin Bullard - keyboards

Smokie is an English rock band from Bradford, Yorkshire who found success in Europe in the 1970s. Originally called The Yen, then The Sphynx and later Essence, the band was formed in 1964 at St. Bede's Grammar School in Heaton, Bradford as The Yen. The Yen's first gig was at Birkenshaw School in February 1965. It was composed of Chris Norman (lead vocals/rhythm

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guitar/piano), Terry Uttley (bass/vocals), Alan Silson (lead guitar/vocals) and Ron Kelly (drums). As Essence, they toured small clubs in Bradford and the surrounding communities before they split in 1966. The Black Cats were already a working band when Ron Kelly joined them at Dewsbury College. The Black Cats at this time were Peter Eastwood on guitar/vocals and Arthur Higgins on bass. Kelly replaced the drummer they had at the time. Alan Silson joined the band initially alongside Pete Eastwood but Eastwood soon left and was replaced by Chris Norman. In Nov 1967 the band changed their name to The Four Corners. 2010 has seen Smokie gain new chart success with an album of brand new material "Take a Minute". Released initially in Denmark in August, it peaked at number two on the Danish album chart. Releases in the remainder of Scandinavia and Germany are taking place during October, with the single "Sally's Song", a continuation of the story of the other character in "Living Next Door to Alice" also being released. UK release dates have yet to be announced for either Take a Minute or Sally's Song.

Smokie - brytyjski zespół muzyki pop i country rock, który zdobył popularność w Europie w latach 70. XX wieku. Chris Norman, Alan Silson i Terry Uttley, będący filarami grupy, znali się ze szkoły. Ich pierwszy zespół nazywał się The Yen, wkrótce przybrał nazwę The Sphynx. Po ukończeniu szkoły zaczęli podróżować i grać koncerty w klubach i pubach robotniczych. W 1968 po wielokrotnych zmianach nazwy grali jako The Elizabethans. Mimo usilnych starań - rozsyłania nagrań demo, nagrania singli dla różnych wytwórni pod nazwą Kindness - nie udało im się zaistnieć. W 1973 nastąpiła zamiana perkusisty na Pete'a Spencera. W tym samym roku nowy manager zespołu Bill Hurley podjął działania mające na celu osiągnięcie sukcesu komercyjnego, nawiązując współpracę ze znanym duetem twórców przebojów glam rocka Chinn-Chapmann. Na efekty nie trzeba było długo czekać. W 1975 grupa przyjęła ostatecznie nazwę Smokie.

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