

# SONG FACTS

## Something

**Album:** Abbey Road **Date:** 1969

This was released as a Double A-side single with "Come Together." It was the only song written by George Harrison released as a single by The Beatles. They had used some of his songs as B-sides, including "The Inner Light" and "Old Brown Shoe."

Harrison wrote this during a break while they were working on **The White Album**. It was not recorded in time for the album, so Harrison gave this to Joe Cocker, but Cocker didn't release it until after The Beatles did.

This seemed to be inspired by Harrison's wife, Patti, but he claimed he did not have anyone in mind when he wrote it. Patti went on to inspire "Layla" when Eric Clapton realized he loved her a few years later. She and Clapton were married from 1979-1988. He also wrote "Wonderful Tonight" for her.

This is the only song on the Beatles **1** album that was not a #1 hit on its own in the US or UK. "Something" and "Come Together" spent one week at #1 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 chart when the compilers of the chart changed its ranking method and stopped giving separate rankings for the two sides of a single. It was also gave Harrison representation among the 27 tracks.

Frank Sinatra called this "The greatest love song ever written." He often performed it in the '70s, at one point wrongly attributing it to Lennon and McCartney rather than Harrison.

Harrison had the first line, "Something in the way she moves," but had trouble coming up with the second. He considered "attracts me like a pomegranate," before coming up with "attracts me like no other lover."

Harrison wrote this on a piano. The Beatles often composed and recorded separately at this time.

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