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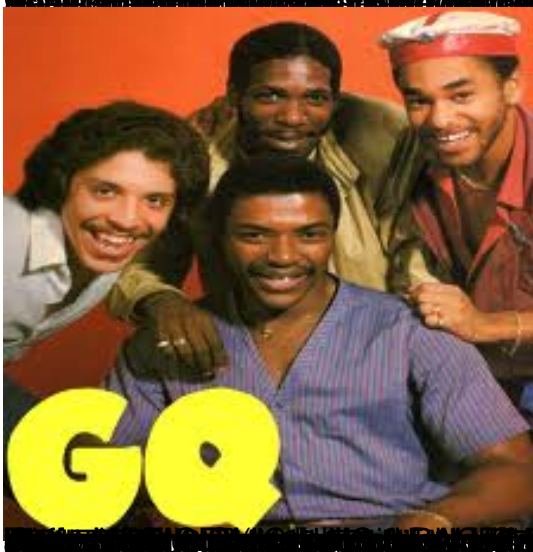


The bosses at bbr Records (Big Break records –a division of Cherry Red) show their impeccable tastes with a slew of fabulous soul reissues. Pride of place goes to 'Get It Right' from ARETHA FRANKLIN. The 1983 LP was The Queen Of Soul's fourth Arista album and the second to be produced by LUTHER VANDROSS. The LP went to no. 4 on the R&B chart, to no. 36 on the pop chart and the infectious title song gave ARETHA yet another no. 1 R&B hit. But there's much more to the album than that epic cut. For instance there's a blistering reading of THE TEMPTATIONS' 'I Wish It Would Rain' done in that special way that VANDROSS had with covers of familiar material... you know, the whole reconstruction thing. 'Better Friends Than Lovers' is a beautiful ballad, 'I Got Your Love' is a gentle, swaying dancer while 'Giving In' rivals almost anything from the Queen's classic Atlantic period –checkout CISSY HOUSTON'S backgrounds too.

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