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1991

# CHART FLASHBACK

*Madonna! Mariah! Oleta? With the gimlet eye of hindsight—and perhaps a slight cataract of nostalgia—we revisit the singles charts from 20 years ago this week and regrade each song. —LG*

## 1 TIMMY T "One More Try"

Balls of tinfoil have better production values than this tinkly synth-pop plea, and L.A. freestyler Timmy T never hit the Top 40 again. But oh, that aching, Casio-assisted misery. **B-**

## 2 MARIAH CAREY "Someday"

Mimi still kills the climactic money note on her coy boy-you're-gonna-miss-me dis. **B**

## 3 GLORIA ESTEFAN "Coming Out of the Dark"

A poignant gospel-tinged ballad sprung from the Latin-pop superstar's near-fatal 1990 tour-bus accident. **B+**

## 4 TRACIE SPENCER "This House"

Was there only one drum machine available to the entire Hot 100 in 1991? Apparently. **C-**

## 5 OLETA ADAMS "Get Here"

Oleta will accept planes, trains, and automobiles (also: balloons, unspecified caravans); she just needs you to Get Here. Now. **B**

## 6 TARA KEMP "Hold You Tight"

Again with the drum machine! And yet the Club MTV wind-machine vibes on now-forgotten R&B songstress Kemp's highest-charting song are mesmerizing. **B+**

## 7 WILSON PHILLIPS "You're in Love"

Just some gold-plated Ladies of the Canyon, singing sweet harmonies and wearing brocade vests like nobody's business. **B**

## 8 LONDONBEAT "I've Been Thinking About You"

It's a European spandex dance party! And you're invited. **A-**

## 9 MADONNA "Rescue Me"

Madge never really needed a man to save her, but she still asked on this throaty dance-floor SOS from 1990's *The Immaculate Collection*. **B+**

## 10 ENIGMA "Sadeness Part 1"

It's a European incense trance party! And you're invited. **B**



(Clockwise from top) Madonna, Mariah Carey, and Wilson Phillips