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1. Walk right back 2. Petesys song 3. Samantha Elizabeth 4. Girl can't help it 5. Think of me 6. London is burning 7. Going home 8. Power of love 9. Stranger 10. Light up my life 11. Falling for you 12. Sunshine Avenue 13. Don't play your rock'n'roll to me 14. It's your life 15. Jet lagged 16. No more letters 17. I can't stay here tonight 18. For a few dollars more 19. Make ya boogie 20. Needles and pines 21. What can I do 22. Oh Carol

Originally formed in Yorkshire, England, in 1966, Smokie hit the British pop charts several times during the late '70s with updated psychedelic pop, influenced by the band's stay on Mickie Most's Rak Records as well as the writers of most of the band's hit material, Rak's Nicky Chinn and Mike Chapman. Vocalist Chris Norman, bassist Terry Utley, guitarist Alan Silson, and drummer Ron Kelly had played in the Elizabethans, but formed the band Kindness in 1970. The quartet recorded many singles during the late '60s and early '70s, but failed to show any chart activity. By 1973, Kelly had left the band and was replaced by Pete Spencer. In 1975, the band, signed to Rak Records, and billed as Smokey, hit number three in the U.K. with "If You Think You Know How to Love Me." After another Top Ten hit, "Don't Play Your Rock 'n' Roll to Me," Smokey became Smokie; during 1976, the group scored with three Top 20 hits, including the number five "Living Next Door to Alice." Smokie hit number five both in 1977 ("It's Your Life") and 1978 ("Oh Carol"), but the band's chart run ended by early 1980, and following 1982's *Midnight Delight*, they disbanded. Both Spencer and Norman continued to work at Rak during the '80s, writing hits for several groups; they re-formed Smokie in 1986, resurfacing with the LP *My Heart Is True*. Two more albums, *All Fired Up* and *Greatest Hits Live*, followed, with the group remaining active throughout the '90s, issuing new material as well as a number of hits collections. ---John Bush, Rovi

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Grupa Smokie została założona w angielskim Yorkshire w 1966 roku. Pierwotny skład zespołu tworzyli: Chris Norman, Alan Silson i Terry Uttley. W 1973 roku nastąpiła zamiana perkusisty na Pete Spencera. W tym samym roku nowy manager zespołu Bill Hurley podjął działania by zespół osiągnął sukces komercyjny. W 1976 roku zespół Smokie zdobył ogromną popularność w całej Europie singlem "Living Next Door to Alice", rok później na topie była piosenka "It's Your Life", a w 1978 miażdżący hit "Oh Carol".

W 1982 roku z zespołu Smokie odszedł Chris Norman i zaczął karierę solową, jednak ostateczne rozstanie wokalisty z zespołem nastąpiło w 1986 roku. Jego następcą został Alan Barton, a zespół pozyskał także keyboardzistę Martina Bullarda i formacja znów cieszyła się dużą popularnością. Wkrótce odszedł także Pete Spencer, zastąpiony przez Steve Pinnella. Po wydaniu w 1982 roku płyty "Midnight Delight" Smokie rozpadli się. Niektórzy z muzyków grupy (perkusista Pete Spencer oraz wokalista Chris Norman) zajęli się pisaniem kompozycji dla innych artystów. ---fm.tuba.pl

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