

## Simply Red - A New Flame (1989)

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1. *It's Only Love* 2. *A New Flame* 3. *You've Got It* 4. *To Be With You* 5. *More Listen* 6. *Turn It Up* 7. *Love Lays Its Tune* 8. *She'll Have to Go* [play](#) 9. *If You Don't Know Me by Now* [play](#) 10. *Enough* Mick Hucknall - Vocals Tony Bowers - Bass Chris Joyce - Drums Tim Kellett - Keyboards, Trumpet Ian Kirkham - Saxophone Fritz McIntyre - Keyboards, Vocals (Background) Heitor T.P. – Guitar

Although Hucknall tries to resurrect soul in his own original songs, he's most successful at evoking the past, notably on Simply Red's second number one, a remake of the Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes classic "If You Don't Know Me by Now." ---William Ruhlmann, AllMusic Review

For the life of me, I can't understand why "A New Flame" was so widely panned; call me crazy, but this was my favorite Simply Red album. Where "Men and Women" was somewhat uneven and "Life" gets a bit dull by the end, "A New Flame" really seemed to flow as an album without ever losing steam. How could critics ignore the sheer beauty of "You've Got It" or "Again"? What's wrong with "Turn it Up"? The one false note (in my opinion) was "If You Don't Know Me By Now"; there was no reason to re-make the original, and Mick Hucknall made no particular improvements to it. But on the strength of "You've Got It" alone, this album deserved much more respect than it got. --- Music Geek, amazon.com

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