

**Nkeng Alemanji [SongsFromAbove] singer-songwriter, record producer, business person**

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- § **2009** – Music video for You Remind Me (Dr. King tribute song) released. New album "Hello" being recorded
- § **2009** – New album "**Hello**" will be released **09-09-09** (Sep 9th '09)
- § **2008** – Kenya Stories - business resume documentary - uses Nkeng's original music for promo, which airs on CNN International.  
(BBC Documentary of the Year winner & African Vision Award director/producer, Carol Pineau uses music Nkeng composed, in promo for Kenya Stories, a film following young entrepreneurs in Kenya.)
- § **2006 - 2007** – Working with music organizations, TV production companies, filmmakers, singers, etc. in Northern VA, Washington DC, and Maryland, as a composer, music engineer and music producer
- § **2006** – Debut CD "*Simple As I Am*" released
- § **2006** – Song "*Superman Superman*" earns Suggested Artist honor in Song Of The Year Contest (VH-1 Save The Music)



**"I believe songs should inspire people, entertain them... have longevity"**

- § **2006** – "*Simple As I Am*" advances from among over 15,000+ songs in International Songwriting Competition
- § **2006** – "*Simple As I Am*" reviewed by Taxi (one of the world's leading Indie A&R Company)  
"...Honest ...the melody is hypnotic ...engaging ... I am a fan" -
- § **2005** – Appears on BET, MTV2, MTV UK, MHz... in music video "*Cool Witchu*" - by D.C.'s top Hip Hop band Mello-D & The Rados - off the 2004 Antitainment album (Thermite Records)
- § **2005** – Song "*Find A Way*" (co-written with Darnley "Mello-D Hodge" of Grammy Ballot nominated group Mello-D & The Rados) is released on the acclaimed live Hip Hop band's 2004 Antitainment album (Thermite Records)
- § **2004** – Song "*Simple As I Am*" is top 5 *Finalist* in Song Of The Year Contest (VH-1 Save The Music)
- § **2004** – "*You Remind Me*" wins Suggested Artist honor in Song Of The Year Contest (VH-1 Save The Music)

**“[Nkeng’s] songwriting... concentrates on being efficient ... inspiring”**

- J-Sin, Smother.Net

- § **2004** – Director of *Gear Up* [Music In Schools Today (MUST)], invites Nkeng to San Francisco, to use his song “You Remind Me” – a tribute to Dr. King – as a social awareness tool to mix fun & learning, to inspire at-risk 7th & 8th Graders, as well as to motivate teenagers detained in juvenile correction
- § **2004** – Through Ricky Lawson, Nkeng meets Grammy Award songwriter/producer, Babyface

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**FACT SHEET cont'd:**

- § **2003** – Nkeng is introduced to Ricky Lawson [Grammy Award songwriter/ world renowned drummer (Yellow Jackets, Whitney Houston, Babyface, Phil Collins, Michael Jackson, Steely Dan ...)] - Ricky Lawson offers advice and becomes supportive of Nkeng's efforts
- § **2003** – Establishes Songs From Above (ASCAP), his publishing entity; begins recording/producing new songs
- § **2000 – 2002** – Performed originals songs in/around Philadelphia, including regular appearances at renowned Grape Street Pub, and Temple U's Spring Fling; front man of an Alternative Rock band – Performed frequently with friends Walt Lafty, Mark Melchiorre, Jr. and Nick Perri [now of Silvertide (J Records)] in N.E. Philly (The Coffee House, and other music venues)
- § **2001** – “*Simple As I Am*” released in Cameroon – goes into regular radio rotation and becomes one of most played independent songs that year
- § **2001** – Recorded “*And They Will See*” with keyboardist/producer David Bellochio (Naughty By Nature, Queen Latifah, Hall and Oates...) at Marion Recording Studios, N.J. Song was produced by Andre Bell and Janice Upchurch (NeverSleep Productions)
- § **2000** – Recorded and produced initial pop recording of “*Simple As I Am*” with underground power producer

Victor "Vic" Johnson, at The Dungeon Studios (in W. Philly, the area where Will Smith grew up), and producer/guitarist Brett Talley, at Hand-In-Hand studio, N.E. Philly

- § **2000** – Moved to Philadelphia – to acquaint himself with music scene & because **Will Smith**, one of the public figures Nkeng emulates, grew up there
- § **1999** – Performed original songs in bars around VCU campus
- § **1996 – 1999** – Performed cover songs at VCU campus events
- § **1995** – Moved to the US.; Attended Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA (VCU)
- § **1991 – 1993** – Co-founded / led "The Junior Choir"; several appearances on Cameroon National TV (CRTV)  
"an appealing quality in [his] voice and in [his] songs that is egaging..."  
- Taxi
- § **1991 – 1993** – Lead singer of pop cover band in secondary school
- § **1990** – Wrote first song
- § **1989** – Learned to play acoustic guitar at age 12
- § **1981 – 1994** – Lived in Cameroon
- § **1977 – 1981** – Lived in Canada where his parents attended Graduate school; listened to music of Paul Simon, John Denver, The Smurfs
- § **1977** – Born in Cameroon

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