

# Billy Satellite

Studio album by

**Billy Satellite**

Released

1984

**Billy Satellite** was an American rock band based in Oakland, California, United States. Formed in 1983, the band consisted of Monty Byrom (guitar, vocals, keyboards), Danny Chauncey (guitar, keyboards), Ira Walker (bass), and Tom "Fee" Falletti (drums). They are perhaps best known for composing and performing the original version of "I Wanna Go Back," which would later become a big hit for Eddie Money. It was also covered by Gregg Rolie on his 1985 self-titled release.

## History

The group released an eponymous album in 1984, that included the minor hits "I Wanna Go Back" and "Satisfy Me." Accompanying music videos were released for both of these songs. The band recorded a follow-up album that went unreleased until 2016, and the band broke up soon thereafter.

Byrom went on to form New Frontier, and later worked with Eddie Money who covered Billy Satellite's "I Wanna Go Back" on his 1986 album *Can't Hold Back*. Money later also covered Billy Satellite's, "Satisfy Me" - under the title "When You Gonna Satisfy Me" - on his 1999 album, *Ready Eddie*. Later, Byrom was part of the band Big House. In 1987, Chauncey joined 38 Special.

## Recently

While Chauncey continues to play guitar for .38 Special, the other three members of Billy Satellite (Byrom, Walker, and Falletti) have regrouped to form the band Zen Road Pilots, releasing an album and performing in and around the Bakersfield, California area.

## Albums

Billy Satellite made one self-titled album released by Capitol Records that contained two chart singles, "Satisfy Me" and "I Wanna Go Back." The album was re-released as *Billy Satellite 1*. In 2009, Rock Candy Records remastered and re-released the original album again.

In April 2016, Billy Satellite's unreleased follow-up album, *Billy Satellite II*, was released on the AOR Heaven label 31 years after it was recorded and shelved.