

Golden Earring – Old Rockers Never Die

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Way back in 1973, a Dutch band released a song in *the lingua franca of the Universe*. *Radar Love* was a massive hit and is still the band's biggest today. Although it was and is a great commercial number, reaching number 7 in the UK and number 13 in the US, *Radar Love* is arguably the weakest song on the original 5 track vinyl which was released the same year.

Moontan is a spellbinding album, especially the two longest tracks: *Vanilla Queen* and *Are You Receiving Me* – sans question mark. The year 1973 was slap bang in the middle of the golden age of rock, but guess what, Golden Earring are in their golden years, yes, they are still here, and would you believe this band was actually formed in 1961 when lead guitarist

George Kooymans – barely a teenager – and his slightly older neighbour Rinus Gerritsen formed the Tornados which then became the Golden Earrings and finally Golden Earring?



A picture of the band back in the day.

Incredible though that may sound, the line-up has not changed since 1970, and two of the band's founder members – Kooymans and Gerritsen are still with it.

Although they have produced an incredible quantity of music over the decades, obviously it would be a tall order to expect it all to match *Moontan* quality-wise. If though you want to see how good they sound today, you have two options, you can check them out **on-line**, including YouTube, or you can see them live in The Netherlands where they are playing occasional dates from next month into May of next year.

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