

Ashanti and Nelly are engaged and expecting a baby. The reunited couple have gone public with both a pregnancy and their engagement. (Nelly's real name is Cornell Iral Haynes Jr.) Ashanti and Nelly, 49, confirmed in September that they were reunited as a couple, 20 years after they were first linked together in a relationship that ended after a decade. When her mother and manager Tina Y. Douglas asks her how much time she's going to need in the clip, Ashanti quips, "I'm gonna need about nine months" as he mother gasps and the screen goes to a logo for Proov, an at-home fertility and hormone marker test. In a statement to CNN, the singer said, "As you know, I am so close with my mom and dad, so I am looking forward to being an amazing parent to our child, like they were to me and my sister. Nelly and I are so excited to welcome and love on Baby Haynes." Ashanti attended the MTV VMA Awards around that time, where Nelly was a scheduled performer. They shared the news exclusively with .Essence magazine, which posted an announcement Wednesday on social media