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- 1. To Begin Again
- 2. How Much Do You Want
- 3. Under My Skin
- 4. Like a Stranger
- 5. Surrounded by Eden
- 6. Breaking the Rules
- 7. Reason I'm Gone
- 8. I Don't Wanna Be Lonely
- 9. Put It Right Back
- 10. Lady Luck
- 11. Watch Her Dance

New Jersey-born blues-rocker Walter Trout spent decades as an ace sideman, playing guitar behind the likes of John Lee Hooker, Big Mama Thornton, and Joe Tex. In 1981, he was also tapped to replace the late Bob Hite in Canned Heat, remaining with the venerable group through the middle of the decade. While filling in one night for an ailing John Mayall, Trout (also a Bluesbreaker for some five years) was spotted by a Danish concert promoter who agreed to finance a solo tour. Assembling his own backing band, in 1990 he released his debut LP, Life in the Jungle, trailed a year later by Prisoner of a Dream. Albums including 1992's Live (No More Fish Jokes), 1994's Tellin' Stories, and 1997's Positively Beale Street followed. Trout continued a steady release schedule, issuing Livin' Every Day in 1999, a live album the following year (recorded at the Tampa Bay Blues Fest), the 2001 studio album Go the Distance, 2003's Relentless -- which Trout and his band, the Radicals, recorded in front of a live audience -- and 2005's Deep Trout, a compilation of early and unreleased recordings. On the 2006 release Full Circle, Trout realized his dream of creating an album with some of his most admired musicians, including John Mayall, Coco Montoya, and Joe Bonamassa, among others. The 2009 compilation Unspoiled by Progress found Trout handpicking live tracks recorded on the road throughout his career. The following year he was back in the studio and released Common

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Ground. On 2012's Blues for the Modern Daze, Trout wrote 15 tracks based on his country blues roots. His 23rd album, Luther's Blues, was issued in 2013 which was a tribute to one of his main influences, the late Luther Allison. ---Jason Alkeny, Rovi

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