

Betty LaVette - Change Is Gonna Come Sessions (2009)

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1. *Change Is Gonna Come* 2. *Round Midnight* 3. *God Bless the Child* 4. *Lush Life* 5. *Ain't No Sunshine* 6. *Ain't That Lovin' You* Personnel: Bettye LaVette- Vocals Alan Hill- Piano Hohn Heard- Bass Danny Frankel- Percussion Tom Hagerman- Strings & String Arrangements

The greatest moment of the Obama inaugural concert was when Bettye LaVette dueted with a surprisingly simpatico Jon Bon Jovi on Sam Cooke's timeless "A Change Is Gonna Come." Here, the tough veteran soulster does another impassioned version of the song. Elsewhere, LaVette and a small jazz combo put a bluesy R&B spin on a batch of standards, old and new. Lady Day's "God Bless the Child" is lean and mean, Billy Strayhorn's "Lush Life" is backed with delicate violins and Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine" is brought back to the hardscrabble landscape of LaVette's youth. ---Nick Dedina, whoisthemonk.wordpress.com

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