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1. 30 Years (Betty Carter) – 3:58 2. Stardust / Memories of You (Hoagy Carmichael, Mitchell Parish)/(Eubie Blake, Andy Razaf) – 12:37 3. What's the Use of Wond'rin'? (Oscar Hammerstein II, Richard Rodgers) – 5:22 4. Open the Door '90 (Carter) – 5:20 5. Droppin' Things (Carter) – 6:34 6. I Love Music (Burton Lane, Alan Jay Lerner) – 7:40 7. Why Him? (Lane, Lerner) – 7:50 8. Dull Day (In Chicago) (Carter) – 12:13 Musicians: Betty Carter - vocals Geri Allen - piano Marc Cary - piano Craig Handy - tenor saxophone Freddie Hubbard - trumpet Tarus Mateen - double bass Gregory Hutchinson – drums Recorded Live May 25–26, 1990, at The Bottom Line, New York City

Betty Carter's second Verve album solidified her credentials as one of jazz's top singers. Her trio of the period (pianist Marc Cary, bassist Tarus Mateen and drummer Gregory Hutchinson) are joined by trumpeter Freddie Hubbard (shortly before his decline) and tenor saxophonist Craig Handy on four of the seven selections while a medley of "Stardust" and "Memories of You" finds Carter accompanied by pianist Geri Allen. Other highlights include "I Love Music," "What's the Use of Wond'rin'" and "Droppin' Things." With the exception of the Geri Allen medley, this consistently stimulating music was recorded live at the Bottom Line in New York. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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