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Shorty Rogers - Shorty Rogers Quintet With Jeri Southern (1962)



1. I've Never Been In Love Before 2. Casa De Luz 3. Down With Love 4. Paul's Pal 5. Spring Will Be A Little Late This Year 6. Morning Fun 7. Martians Go Home 8. I Hadn't Anyone Till You 9. Time Was 10. Popo 11. If I Were A Bell 12. What Is This Thing Called Love 13. What Is This Thing Called Love (alternative) Musicians: Jeri Southern - vocals (tracks #3, 5, 8) Shorty Rogers - trumpet, flugelhorn Harold Land, Gary LeFebvre - sax (tenor) Gary Peacock, David Dyson - bass Mike Wofford, Amos Trice - piano Larry Bunker – drums

The first of four CD's taken from radio transcriptions used in the show "The Navy Swings" features trumpeter/flugelhornist Shorty Rogers playing with two versions of his quintets in 1962, just prior to him greatly de-emphasizing his playing in favor of full-time writing for the studios. The 13 selections generally clock in around three minutes so the cool bop performances are quite concise. Jeri Southern has three warm vocals and Rogers shares the frontline with either Harold Land or Gary Lefebvre on tenors. The results are not quite essential but will be enjoyed by Shorty's fans; highlights include "Paul's Pal," "Martian's Go Home," "Popo" and two versions of "What Is This Thing Called Love." ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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