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CD1

1. *He Ain't Got Rhythm*
2. *This Year's Kisses*
3. *Why Was I Born?*
4. *I Must Have That Man!*
5. *Sun Showers*
6. *Yours and Mine*
7. *Mean to Me*
8. *Foolin' Myself*
9. *Easy Living*
10. *I'll Never Be the Same*
11. *Me, Myself and I*
12. *Sailboat in the Moonlight*
13. *Born to Love*
14. *Without Your Love*
15. *Getting Some Fun Out of Life*
16. *Who Wants Love?*
17. *Trav'lin' All Alone*
18. *He's Funny That Way*
19. *My First Impression of You*
20. *When You're Smiling*
21. *I Can't Get Started*

CD 2

1. *I Can't Believe That You're in Love With Me*
2. *If Dreams Come True*
3. *Now They Call It Swing*
4. *Back in Your Own Backyard*
5. *When a Woman Loves a Man*
6. *Very Thought of You*
7. *I Can't Get Started*
8. *I've Got a Date With a Dream*
9. *You Can't Be Mine (And Someone Else's Too)*
10. *Everybody's Laughing*

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11. *Here It Is Tomorrow Again*
12. *Say It With a Kiss*
13. *Man I Love*
14. *You're Just a No Account*
15. *You're a Lucky Guy*
16. *I'm Pulling Through*
17. *Laughing at Life*
18. *Time on My Hands*
19. *Let's Do It (Let's Fall in Love)*
20. *All of Me Listen*
21. *Man I Love*

Billie Holiday - Composer, Vocals Georgie Auld - Sax (Alto) Buster Bailey - Clarinet Eddie Barefield - Sax (Alto) Charlie Barnet - Sax (Soprano) Count Basie - Piano Artie Bernstein - Bass Bill Bowen - Sax (Alto) Kenny Clarke - Drums Buck Clayton - Trumpet Cozy Cole - Drums John Collins - Guitar, Guitar (Electric) Shad Collins - Trumpet Harry "Sweets" Edison - Trumpet Joe Eldridge - Sax (Alto) Roy Eldridge - Trumpet Herschel Evans - Sax (Tenor) Benny Goodman - Clarinet Freddie Green - Guitar Tiny Grimes - Guitar (Electric) Joe Guy - Trumpet Edmond Hall - Clarinet Coleman Hawkins - Sax (Tenor) J.C. Heard - Drums Johnny Hodges - Sax (Alto) Illinois Jacquet - Sax (Tenor) Harry James - Trumpet Leslie Johnkins - Sax (Alto) Jo Jones - Drums Ken Kersey - Piano Ed Lewis - Trumpet Al McKibbin - Bass Benny Morton - Trombone Hot Lips Page - Trumpet Walter Page - Bass Allan Reuss - Guitar Curly Russell - Bass Edgar Sampson - Sax (Alto) Kermit Scott - Sax (Tenor) Ted Sturgis - Bass Joe Sullivan - Piano Claude Thornhill - Piano Earle Warren - Sax (Alto) Jack Washington - Sax (Alto), Sax (Baritone) Lester Young - Clarinet, Sax (Tenor), Soloist

Billie Holiday often stated that she styled her vocal phrasing to echo the sound of a jazz horn, so it should be no surprise that she found the perfect duet partner in tenor sax player Lester Young. Lady Day and Pres (they bestowed the nicknames on each other) recorded some 60 sides together between 1937 and 1946, many if not all of which have to be considered classics. This three-disc set collects everything the pair did, including alternate takes, and the best tracks are truly revelatory. Given the obvious musical connection on display in these sides, it is telling that both Holiday and Young died only four months apart in 1959. Apparently the world just couldn't handle one without the other. ---Steve Leggett, Rovi

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