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1 Body And Soul 2 The Big Head 3 Time On My Hands 4 Rifftide 5 Bean And The Boys 6 Cocktails For Two 7 Hanid 8 Just One Of Those Things 9 I Only Have Eyes For You 10 Hallelujah 11 Night And Day 12 'S Wonderful 13 I'll Wind 14 The World Is Waiting For The Sunrise 15 I Wished On The Moon 16 Picasso Personnel: Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster (tenor saxophone); Cecil Payne (baritone saxophone); Roy Edridge (trumpet); John Lewis, Hank Jones, Al Haig, Tommy Flanagan, Teddy Wilson, Oscar Peterson (piano); John Collins, Herb Ellis (guitar); Ray Brown, Nelson Boyd, Percy Heath, Major Holley, George Duvivier, John Kirby, Billy Taylor, Israel Crosby (bass); Buddy Rich, Shadow Wilson, Connie Kay, Eddie Locke, Alvin Stoller, Mickey Sheen, Sid Catlett, Cozy Cole (drums).

The always excellent Verve Jazz Masters series offers another winner here. Over an hour of varied material from the 40's thru the 60's. Highlights includes: another rendition of the famed "Body and Soul" solo, a gorgeious duet (duel?) with Ben Webster, an AWSOME unaccompanied solo "Picasso" (alone worth the price of admission), a heart-rending "Night and Day", and a total of 62 minutes of the mother of all (tenor) sax players. Makes a nice compliment to "Retrospective". The sound quality is very good, so if you can't abide the marginal fidelity of old 30's and 40's recordings (before tape was used in the studio), this is the Coleman Hawkins collection for you. --- Johnny Hodges

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