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1. *Straight Life* 17:29
2. *Mr. Clean* 13:37
3. *Here's The Rainy Day* 5:19

- * Freddie Hubbard - Trumpet
- * Joe Henderson - Tenor Saxophone
- * Herbie Hancock - Electric Piano
- * Ron Carter - Bass
- * Jack DeJohnette - drums
- * George Benson – Guitar

Recorded between trumpeter Freddie Hubbard's better-known classics *Red Clay* and *First Light*, *Straight Life* is actually arguably Hubbard's greatest recording. Hubbard, joined by an all-star group that includes tenor saxophonist Joe Henderson, keyboardist Herbie Hancock, guitarist George Benson, bassist Ron Carter, and drummer Jack DeJohnette, is frequently astounding on "Straight Life" (check out that introduction) and "Mr. Clean," constructing classic solos. The very memorable set is rounded off by the trumpeter's duet with Benson on a lyrical version of the ballad "Here's That Rainy Day." This exciting CD is essential for all serious jazz collections. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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